

AUSTRALIA'S INTERNATIONAL
SOCCER RESULTS
1960 - 1969

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The saga continues further,

please follow my research into the 1960's.

**This is an interim issue due to the restrictions caused by
the Covid-19 virus that closed most avenues of research.**

Full Internationals shown as **BOLD**

1964						
Date	Place	Teams		Score		Tournament
06-May	Ringwood	Ringwood Wilhelmina	Australia	3-4		
10-May	Melbourne	Australian XI	Everton	2-8		
16-May	Sydney	Australian XI	Everton	1-5		

1965						
Date	Place	Teams		Score		Tournament
25-Feb	Perth	Australian XI	FK Torpedo Moskva	0-2		
23-May	Sydney	Australian XI	Chelsea	2-2		
30-May	Melbourne	Australian XI	Chelsea	1-1		
24-Oct	Cairns	Far North Queensland XI	Australia	0-17		
31-Oct	Ingham	Herbert River-Roma	Australia	0-12		
21-Nov	Phnom Penh, Cambodia	Australia	Democratic People's Republic of Korea (North Korea)	1-6		World Cup Cup - Asian Group play-off
24-Nov	Phnom Penh, Cambodia	Australia	Democratic People's Republic of Korea (North Korea)	1-3		World Cup Cup - Asian Group play-off
26-Nov	Phnom-Penh	Cambodia	Australia	0-0		
29-Nov	Hong Kong	Hong Kong	Australia	1-0		Scandinavian Airlines System Cup
30-Nov	Hong Kong	AIK Solna	Australia	2-1		Scandinavian Airlines System Cup
03-Dec	Hong Kong	Hong Kong F.A.XI	Australia	1-3		
07-Dec	Ipoh	Malaysia	Australia	0-1		
08-Dec	Ipoh	Malaysia	Australia	0-3		

1966						
Date	Place	Teams		Score		Tournament
13-Jun	Sydney	Australian XI	A.S.Roma	1-1		

1967						
Date	Place	Teams		Score		Tournament
28-May	Sydney	Australia	Scotland XI	0-1		
31-May	Adelaide	Australia	Scotland XI	1-2		
03-Jun	Melbourne	Australia	Scotland XI	0-2		
05-Nov	Saigon, South Vietnam	New Zealand	Australia	3-5		Vietnam National Day Tournament - Group A
06-Nov	Noumea	New Caledonia	Australia 'B'	2-1		
07-Nov	Saigon, Noumea, New Caledonia	South Vietnam	Australia	0-1		Vietnam National Day Tournament - Group A
8-Nov	Noumea, New Caledonia	JS Vallée du Ti	Australia 'B'	1-8		
10-Nov	Noumea, New Caledonia	New Zealand	Australia 'B'	1-3		
11-Nov	Saigon, South Vietnam	Singapore	Australia	1-5		Vietnam National Day Tournament - Group A
12-Nov	Saigon, South Vietnam	Malaysia	Australia	0-1		Vietnam National Day Tournament - Semi-final
??-Nov	Noumea, New Caledonia	AS Le Nickel	Australia 'B'	1-2		
14-Nov	Saigon, South Vietnam	Korea Republic (South Korea)	Australia	2-3		Vietnam National Day Tournament, Final
17-Nov	Jakarta	Indonesian Federation Selected XI	Australia	0-2		
19-Nov	Jakarta	Persija	Australia	1-3		
21-Nov	Singapore	Singapore	Australia	1-6		
22-Nov	Singapore	Australian (Singapore) Services XI	Australia	0-8		
23-Nov	Singapore	British (Singapore) Combined Services XI	Australia	1-8		
27-Nov	Kuala Lumpur	Malaysia	Australia	0-4		

1968						
Date	Place	Teams		Score		Tournament
30-Mar	Sydney	Australia	Japan	2-2		
31-Mar	Melbourne	Australia	Japan	3-1		
04-Apr	Adelaide	Australia	Japan	1-3		

1969						
Date	Place	Teams		Score		Tournament
03-Jun	Speers Point	Northern New South Wales	Australia	2-2		
25-Jun	Sydney	Sydney XI	Australia	1-2		
19-Jul	Sydney	Australia	Greece	1-0		
23-Jul	Brisbane	Australia	Greece	2-2		
27-Jul	Melbourne	Australia	Greece	0-2		
03-Sep	Sydney	New South Wales Federation XI	Australia	1-1		
17-Sep	Sydney	New South Wales XI	Australia	2-0		
10-Oct	Seoul, South Korea	Japan	Australia	1-3		World Cup Qualification, AFC/OFC Group, 1st.Round
14-Oct	Seoul	Korea Republic	Australia	1-2		World Cup Qualification, AFC/OFC Group, 1st.Round
16-Oct	Seoul, South Korea	Japan	Australia	1-1		World Cup Qualification, AFC/OFC Group, 1st.Round
20-Oct	Seoul	Korea Republic	Australia	1-1		World Cup Qualification, AFC/OFC Group, 1st.Round
23-Nov	Lourenço Marques, Mozambique	Rhodesia	Australia	1-1		World Cup Qualification, AFC/OFC Group, 2nd.Round, Group 1
27-Nov	Lourenço Marques, Mozambique	Rhodesia	Australia	0-0		World Cup Qualification, AFC/OFC Group, 2nd.Round, Group 1
29-Nov	Lourenço Marques, Mozambique	Rhodesia	Australia	1-3		World Cup Qualification, AFC/OFC Group, 2nd.Round, Group 1 - play-off
04-Dec	Tel Aviv	Israel	Australia	1-0		World Cup Qualification, AFC/OFC Group, Final Round, 1st leg
14-Dec	Sydney	Australia	Israel	1-1		World Cup Qualification, AFC/OFC Group, Final Round, 2nd leg

F.I.F.A. Suspension

The FFA's (Football Federation Australia) origins lie as far back as 1911, with the formation of the Commonwealth Football Association. This body was then superseded by the ASA (Australian Soccer Association), which was formed in 1921, with its headquarters in Sydney. However this association was suspended from FIFA (Fédération Internationale de Football Association) in 1960 for the poaching of players from overseas. In 1961 the Australian Soccer Federation of Soccer Clubs (commonly known as the Australian Soccer Federation) was formed. However, this association was refused re-admittance with FIFA until outstanding fines had been paid. In 1963 Australia was re-admitted to FIFA after the fines were reduced and paid.

A description of the FIFA ban is shown below as related by Roy Hay (co-author of "A History of Football in Australia") with additions.

The seeds of Australia's FIFA ban were sown during European clubs' tours of Australia in the 1950s. The tours were planned as money-making ventures, with the touring team pocketing the gate from attendances. They played against state teams and club teams as well as the Australian team. At a time when most club matches were played before small crowds, these touring games attracted several thousand. In 1957 two European teams toured: FK Austria and Ferencváros of Hungary. The Austrian team played 11 games for nine wins and two losses; the losses were to Australia and Ferencváros. But FK Austria's tour proved costly. Not only did it lose money, reportedly £5000, it lost half of its team when Australian clubs recruited its best players over the next two years. The recruitment of its star players so alarmed FK Austria that it complained to the FIFA. It was offended not so much about the loss of players, but because the Australian clubs had not paid transfer fees. The Australian Soccer Association claimed these players were migrants who had come to Australia for a better life. After settling in, they looked around for a football club. Some of them just happened to be skilful enough to play in the state leagues. The players included Leo Baumgartner, Andreas Saghi, Walter Tamandl and Karl Jaros who were recruited by the Prague club in Sydney.

Rafi Levi, Victor Mach, Eric Schwartz, Herbert Ninaus, Sjel "Mike" de Bruyckere and Jim Kelly were also named players.

Players were banned as early as 1959 by FIFA for leaving their native clubs without clearances. FIFA instructed the ASA to pay transfer fees according to regulations, or have their membership suspended, which is what happened.

Almost as soon as Australia was disaffiliated in 1960, Sir Stanley Rous, the new FIFA president, began paying visits to Australia to try to woo it back to the fold, but strictly under FIFA rules. Rous was a tall, patrician figure who had been secretary of the Football Association in England before becoming FIFA president. Under his leadership FIFA was working hard to assert its faltering control. Colombia was another country that had been disaffiliated, in its case after a Bogota club, the aptly named Millionarios, had led a breakaway. In Australia, Rous found an administrative mess. It had begun in 1956 when the Hakoah club in Sydney had been so enraged when it was refused promotion to the state's top level that it broke away from the then governing body, the NSW Soccer Football Association. (Frank Lowy had become involved with Hakoah after emigrating from Hungary). In subsequent years several clubs – not all of them associated with migrant communities – joined Hakoah's breakaway and formed the NSW Soccer Federation, to be affiliated with the Australian Soccer Federation. This happened around Australia, with breakaway clubs forming state bodies that affiliated with the Australian Soccer Federation. The old body, the Australian Soccer Football Association, continued as a mainly amateur organisation, while the ASF was semi-professional. Some club games in the breakaway league attracted large crowds. Matches in Melbourne between clubs such as South Melbourne Hellas, Juventus (later Brunswick Juventus) and Yugoslavian United Soccer Team (later Footscray JUST) during the 1960s attracted crowds of 20,000. All players had jobs, but some were receiving handsome payments to play soccer. Rous, who in Victoria dealt mainly with the Victorian Soccer Federation president Harry Dockerty, reiterated that FIFA would deal with only one body. The union of the two national bodies took place in November 1961 (<http://trove.nla.gov.au/ndp/del/article/105898960>) at the instigation of the NSW Soccer Federation. The united body took the name of the Australian Federation of Soccer Clubs, which had by then asserted itself over the original body. The first action off the ASF was to ban the poaching of overseas soccer players by Australian clubs in an attempt to have the FIFA ban lifted.

The NSW Soccer Federation body expected to have its nomination, the Sydney gynaecologist Henry Seamonds, installed as the inaugural president of the united national body. In a reflection of the game's interminable politics, however, the Victorian and Tasmanian federations ganged up to have their nomination, Theo Marmaras, installed. Marmaras, known as the "Oyster King", had barely shaken hands with his new constituents when the Victorians and Tasmanians relented in the face of NSW's rage and enabled Seamonds to be installed.

In 1962 Seamonds had a heart attack and died during the lunchtime recess of a meeting at Soccer House in Fitzroy Street, St Kilda. William Walkley, an executive at the petrol company Ampol, was named as his replacement. Under Walkley's tenure, tireless ASF committeeman Michael Weinstein was given the job of talking with FIFA about re-affiliation. One of the considerations was how much the Australian body should pay to compensate the European clubs for lost transfer fees. The European clubs demanded £56,000 but Ampol Petroleum Pty.Ltd. would only guarantee up to £20,000 (<http://trove.nla.gov.au/ndp/del/article/105855756>). After several attempts, May 1962 (<http://trove.nla.gov.au/ndp/del/article/130576079>) and January 1963 (<http://trove.nla.gov.au/ndp/del/article/104256488>) the deal was finally settled and Walkley sent Weinstein to FIFA headquarters in Zurich with a cheque for the negotiated figure of £18,500.

FIFA welcomed Australia back into the fold by lifting its ban on June 1, 1963 (<http://trove.nla.gov.au/ndp/del/article/131722867>). Australia was able to seek qualification for the 1966 World Cup.

It bungled its bid, losing 6-1 and 3-1 to North Korea after a preparation of playing local sides during a training camp in Cairns, but the process of becoming an international contender was under way.

Player legitimacy for international games however, remained a matter of controversy with FIFA and a meeting was held in October 1964 in Tokyo (<http://trove.nla.gov.au/ndp/del/article/105836688>).

Despite the fact that Australia was banned from international football there were serious attempts to arrange a training session against the English F.A. side that was going to tour New Zealand.

report from The Sydney Morning Herald, 23/5/1961, page 23

The N.S.W. Federation of Soccer Clubs will use next Saturday's exhibition match between the touring English F.A. side and a Sydney team as another step in the promotion of the code.

It is anticipated that the exhibition will be televised and the entrance donations into the Sydney Athletic Field will be used for the promotion of schoolboy football.

In this way the spectacle of the tourists in action will be taken into homes throughout N.S.W. and school-age Soccer, the breeding ground of future stars, will benefit.

Federation chairman Dr.H.Seamonds said last night part of the profits would go to other spheres where it would promote Soccer in Sydney.

Young enthusiasts also will benefit by seeing the visitors in action, as arrangements are under way for a parade of 3,000 junior and school-age players at Saturday night's fixture.

Most matters relating to the holding of the training session for the tourists will be completed tonight at the Federation meeting.

The English F.A. side will be in Sydney for two days on their way for a tour of New Zealand.

Australia's suspension by F.I.F.A. will not effect this exhibition match.

Names of local players interested in taking part in the session have been submitted to the Federation management committee, and a squad of about 15 will be announced tonight.

There will be replacements made during the 35 minute halves, and the 17 man English team is expected to follow the same procedure.

The fixture has been arranged to start at 3.30 p.m., but if there is any delay it may not start till 4.30 so that it can be played under floodlights.

But if the tourists' 11.15 a.m. flight from Hong Kong is held up for several hours it will be played at night.

representatives of a Sydney station will talk with federation officials tonight about televising the game, but it is considered certain that permission will be given.

A leading federation official said he felt that any request from either of the other channels would be received favourably by the management committee.

In the past, the federation has been most outspoken in its refusal to televise Soccer because of the possible gate losses to clubs and only a small number of games have ever been shown.

report from The Sydney Morning Herald, 24/5/1961.

The Federation of Soccer Clubs left no doubt last night that the "exhibition" match against the English F.A. team on Saturday is being treated as an exhibition.

It will be played at Sydney Athletic Field.

The Federation management committee last night named a squad of 18 Sydney players for the "exhibition."

The squad is:-

R.Lord (Prague), H.Wenzl (Hakoah), T.North (Canterbury), F.van Gaalen (Auburn), S.Sherwin (Prague), L.Quested (Auburn), J.Curry (Canterbury), E.Ninaus (Prague), J.Kelly (South Coast), M.Chaldi (Hakoah), J.Watkiss (Canterbury), A.Jeffrey (Prague), H.Ninaus (Prague), L.Baumgartner (Apia), R.Levy (Hakoah), W.Tamandl (Prague), L.Schauman (Budapest), J.Galeczks (Polonia-North Side).

The fact that each of the 18 players will be on the field at some stage reduces what chance the Sydney team has of beating the English F.A. team.

There are no surprise omissions from the squad.

Replacements in the Sydney team during the "exhibition" will be controlled by Federation officials Messrs. Tom Grimson, Ben Nathan and Eric Ramsay.

Prague club officials are bound to be perturbed at the fact that six of their players, Ron Lord, Stuart Sherwin, Alick Jeffrey, Walter Tamandl, and the brothers Herbert and Edwin Ninaus, have been chosen.

Prague are set down to play South Coast at Woonona on Sunday and club official Mr. Bill Ball said last night that Prague would seek a postponement until Wednesday night.

report from The Sydney Morning Herald, 27/5/1961.

The English F.A. Soccer team may not play its "exhibition" match against Sydney until tonight because of a delay in the arrival time of their plane.

The match is scheduled to start at 3.30 p.m. at Sydney Athletic Field, but the aircraft bringing the English party from Hong Kong will not arrive in Sydney until 2.15 p.m.

Sydney Soccer officials are still hopeful that the English team will agree to make a rush trip from Mascot airport to the ground.

But this will not be known until Federation of Soccer Clubs secretary Mr. Joe Bruna telephones the English party when they arrive in Darwin this morning.

He will notify the Press and radio stations if the match has to be put back until tonight.

The English F.A. team is a strong one, and the "exhibition" should give some indication just how much the standard of play in Sydney has improved in recent seasons.

All the leading Sydney stars - except Karl Jaros, who is in hospital receiving treatment for a stomach ulcer - will be making an appearance.

Star of the English team is Tom Finney, veteran of 76 international matches and winner of the coveted "Footballer of the Year" trophy in 1954 and 1957.

Many English fans disagree as to who is the greater player - Finney or Stanley Matthews.

The English team will be official guests at the premiership match between Hakoah and Polonia-North Side at Wentworth Park tomorrow.

There are likely to be incidents when excitable Italian and Greek Soccer fans crowd into Lambert Park to watch the clash between Apia-Leichhardt and Pan-Hellenic.

The English party is:-

Goalkeepers; F.Else (Blackburn), M. Pinner (R.A.F. and Man.Utd.).

Full-backs; B.Thurlow (Norwich), G.Shaw (Sheffield Utd.), G.Hair (Leeds).

Half-backs; G.Summers (Sheffield United), R.Moore (West Ham), C.Appleton (Leicester), M.Greenwood (Corinthians), L.Brown (Northampton).

Forwards; T.Finney (Preston N.End), J.Fantham (Sheffield Wednesday), G.Hannah (Man. City), R.Charnley (Blackpool), A.A'Court (Liverpool), H.Lindsay (Kingstonian), R.Brown (Fulham), J.Lewis (Walthamstow Ave.).

report from The Sun-Herald, 28/5/1961.

The proposed "exhibition" Soccer match between the English F.A. team and the Sydney Federation at Sydney Athletic Field yesterday developed into a farce.

Not only did the English party refuse to play against a Sydney team, but they would not allow a Sydney referee to control their nine-a-side practice match.

This action was taken because Australia is outlawed by the world controlling Soccer body, F.I.F.A.

The English party are spending two days in Sydney on the way for a tour of New Zealand.

Not many of the 5,000 spectators remained when the light-hearted match between the English players finished in the dark under floodlights.

The English players deserve great praise for making such an appearance and not disappointing the crowd - particularly the school children.

They had gone straight from Mascot airport to the ground by coach after being in the air for over 17 hours on the trip from Hong Kong to Sydney.

The English party intended to make a short appearance at Sydney Athletic Field purely as a "gesture" to the Sydney Soccer public.

But the first thing they saw on their arrival was a parade of more than a thousand junior players who had been waiting for hours.

The English players put their heads together, and quickly decided to play a short practice match between themselves after the Australia v. Europe match.

They could find only one set of white training shirts when they scrambled through their bags which had been brought to the ground.

So one of the teams played without shirts.

The English also did some loosening-up exercises and completed their workout with some shooting practice.

Sydney officials had arranged the "exhibition" in the belief it had been sanctioned by the secretary of the English Football Association, Sir Stanley Rouse.

But the federation of Soccer Clubs secretary, Mr. Joe Bruna, received a shock when he telephoned the official in charge of the F.A. party, Mr. J.W.Bowers, in Darwin early yesterday morning.

He was told bluntly the English F.A. party would not agree to take part in any "exhibition" match.

The Federation was forced to hurriedly substitute a game between an Australian eleven and a European eleven to replace this "match which was never on."

Player-manager Tom Finney was equally to the point on arrival.

"We have been in the air for 17 hours and it would be an impossibility for us to play in a full-scale match," he said with disarming frankness.

The English players said they knew nothing of plans for them to play an "exhibition" match in Sydney.

Imagine the stir if an Australian international sporting team was asked to play in a match an hour after a tiring air flight to a strange country.

The English F.A. party cannot be blamed if they return home with tales of "village green" administration in Soccer in Sydney - after yesterday's farcical happenings.

The European team won by three goals to two - in a match which produced some attractive football.

The fears of Prague officials were realised when their two stars, Alick Jeffrey and Herbert Ninaus, suffered injuries which could keep them out of today's premiership match against South Coast.

Ninaus was assisted from the field with a bruised hip, while Jeffrey is troubled with a pulled thigh muscle.

European XI, 3 (L.Baumgartner 2, L.Schauman), beat Australian XI, 2 (A.Jeffrey, W.Barton own goal).

1964

Date & Time			Venue				Weather			Temperature		Attendance	
6th. May 1964,			Jubilee Park, Ringwood, Victoria										
Ringwood Wilhelmina..3 v. Australia..4													
half time,													
No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Retired Injured	Sent Off	Time of substitution	No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Retired Injured	Sent Off	Time of substitution
START LIST													
	GK							GK					
								RB					
								LB					
								RH					
								CH					
								LH	Ladislav "Les" Scheinflug (c)				
								OR	Kazimierz "Kaz" Kowalec				X
								IR					
								CF	Leopold "Leo" Baumgartner	X			
								IL	Herbert Ninaus	X			
								OL					
SUBSTITUTES													
								OR	Graham Barnett	X, X			X
Team Coach							Team Coach						
							Team Trainer						
							Team Manager						
Referee													
Linesman													
Linesman													

match report from The Sydney Morning Herald, 7/5/1964, page 20 <https://news.google.com/newspapers?nid=IL5f5cZgq8MC&dat=19640507&printsec=frontpage&hl=en>
The Australian Soccer team to play Everton on Sunday was closely pressed by Wilhelmina in a trial match at Ringwood tonight.
They won 4-3, but trailed into the second half when South Coast United forward Graham Barnett, who had replaced Victorian Kaz Kowalec, scored two goals in an outstanding display.
The other Australian team scorers were Ninaus and Baumgartner.

The 1964 squad list for Ringwood Wilhelmina was:-
Goalkeepers; John Gundelach, Rudi van Altena, Peterslingerman, Treffers
Defenders; Pete Brouwer, Ollie Norris, McCauley, Peter Erasmus, Kok, Scott
Half-backs; Tony Lockhurst, Dick van Alphen, Hub Vluegels, Kieboom
Forwards; Frank Stoffels, Leo Bosklopper, Wim van der Gaag, Tjibbe Keuken, Sid Steele, Bill Godthelp, Peter Pendrey, Bobby Simpson

Everton F.C. was founded as St.Domingo FC in 1878 and renamed in November 1879 after the local area.
 Everton originally played in the southeast corner of Stanley Park. In 1882, a man named J.Cruitt donated land at Priory Road which became the club's home. In 1884 Everton became tenants at Anfield, which was owned by John Orrell. Following disputes over rent Everton left Anfield for a new ground, Goodison Park.
 The club was a founding member of the Football League in 1888-89 and won its first League Championship title in the 1890-91 season. Everton won the FA Cup for the first time in 1906 and the League Championship again in 1914-15.
 In 1925 the club signed Dixie Dean from Tranmere Rovers and in 1927-28 he set the record for First Division league goals in a single season with 60 goals in 39 league games. He helped Everton win its third League Championship that season but two years later Everton was relegated to the Second Division.
 The club was promoted at its first attempt.
 Everton was relegated for the second time in 1950-51 and did not earn promotion until 1953-54. The club has been a top-flight presence ever since.

Date & Time			Venue				Weather			Temperature		Attendance	
10th. May 1964,			Olympic Park, Melbourne, Victoria									32453	
Australian XI..2 v. Everton (England)..8													
half time, Australian XI..1 v. Everton..4													
No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Retired Injured	Sent Off	Time of substitution	No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Retired Injured	Sent Off	Time of substitution
START LIST													
	GK	Ron Lord						GK	Andrew "Andy" Rankin				
	RB	Trevor Edwards						RB	Alexander "Sandy" Brown				
	LB	Barry Salisbury						LB	Michael "Mick" Meagen				
	RH	Peter Hrnir					4	RH	James "Jimmy" Gabriel	14, 63, 84			
	CH	Mita Stojanovic						CH	Brian Labone				
	LH	Karl Jaros						LH	Brian Harris				
	OR	Mieczysław "Mike" Jurecki						OR	Alexander "Alex" Scott				
	IR	Graham Barnett						IR	Dennis Stevens				
	CF	Ladislav "Les" Scheinflug (c)						CF	Derek Temple	35, 87			
										29, 43(pk), 89			
	IL	Herbert Ninaus	33, 80					IL	Roy Vernon (c)				
	OL	James "Jim" Adam						OL	John Morrissey				
Team Coach		Jim Kelly					Team Coach						
							Team Trainer						
							Team Manager		Tom Eggleston				
Referee		Tony Boskovic					Squad List		Goalkeepers				
Linesman									Andrew Rankin				
Linesman									Gordon West				
									Michael Meagen				
									Fullbacks				
									Alexander Brown				
									Half-backs				
									John Hurst				
									James Gabriel				
									Brian Labone				
									Brian Harris				
									Colin Harvey				
									George Heslop				
									Forwards				
									Alexander Scott				
									Dennis Stevens				
									Derek Temple				
									Roy Vernon				
									Barry "Dai" Rees				
									John Morrissey				
									Matthew James "Jimmy" Hill				
									Gerald "Gerry" Humphreys				

match report from The Age, 11/5/1964, page 19 by Alex Barr <https://news.google.com/newspapers?nid=MDQ-9Oe3GGUC&dat=19640511&printsec=frontpage&hl=en>

Everton Soccer team gave Australia a lesson in positional play, finesse an ball control, as it crushed an apparently over-awed local team 8-2 before 33,000 people at Olympic Park yesterday. Supporters were vocal in their condemnation of the selected side. Only two Victorians Jurecki and Adam were chosen, and both were starved out of the game until the dying stages. Then Jurecki was moved to the centre forward berth, where he made his presence felt. From the outset Everton adopted rare tactics, Gabriel, wearing the No.4 jersey of the wing half, was in attack all the time, and was given free rein by the Australian defence. After 14 minutes he proved this to be fatal. He swooped on a loose ball and gave Ron Lord, the Australian goalie, no chance. This was the first of a hat-trick for Gabriel. Everton's second goal came at the 30-minute mark through captain Roy Vernon, then it was Australia's turn. Ninaus, the only effective Australian forward to this stage, netted a tremendous goal which the Everton goalie, Andy Rankin, did not see until the ball was safely in the net. This replying goal was the signal for Everton to swing into top gear, and Vernon, who dominated the mid-field throughout the match, set up a gift goal for Temple, who made no mistake from point blank range. Only Edwards, at right back, was showing determination in defence for Australia. He was covering his ground well and was rarely caught out of position. The other back, Salisbury, and pivot Stojanovic lacked punch and were lethargic. The decisions of referee Mr. Tony Boscovic, fro New South Wales, were mystifying the big crowd and were confusing the players of both sides. He demoralised the home side when at the 43-minute mark he awarded a penalty kick against Australia for an infringement which constituted nothing more than dangerous play. It should have been an indirect free kick, and I felt that Vernon, who took the kick, might have shown his disapproval of the decision by deliberately missing the gift goal. However, like a true professional, he smashed the ball past Lord to make the half-time score 4-1 in Everton's favor. In the second term Vernon, a slightly built player, roved at will and his precision passing, anticipation, ball control and unselfishness were an object lesson to students of the game. But despite Vernon's brilliant play it was 17 minutes before Everton notched its fifth goal. It was scored by Gabriel, who followed up with another one at the 40-minute mark to complete his hat-trick. Trailing 1-6, Australia badly needed a lift, and it came. Ninaus, from an impossible angle, scooped a swerving drive crossfield into the far side of the net leaving Rankin helpless. It was the best goal of the game and Rankin could hardly believe his eyes when he picked the ball out of the net. Everton made it 7-2 when Temple scored his second goal, and just before the end Vernon completed his hat-trick, the second of the match. Vernon casually lobbed the ball over Lord's head into the vacant net, showing the class which stamps him as Everton's main striking force. There is no doubt the Australian side to meet Everton in Sydney next week-end will have to be changed radically. The lack of drive in attack yesterday and the complete absence of tactics in defence, was not indicative of the standard of soccer in this country. Poorest player for Australia was Scheinflug, the captain. He is a great player, but he was placed out of position at centre forward. Players like Nigel Shepherd and Cooke, of Slavia, would lift the defence and they must be considered for the Sydney game. Micic, from J.U.S.T., would also give 90 mintes hard work, and he, too, should wear an Australian jersey.

EVERTON 8 (Gabriel 3, Vernon 3, Temple 2) d. AUSTRALIA 2 (Ninaus 2).

Date & Time			Venue				Weather			Temperature		Attendance	
16th. May 1964,			Royal Agricultural Ground, Moore Park, Sydney, New South Wales (Sydney Showground)									39794	
Australian XI..1 v. Everton (England)..5													
half time, Australian XI..1 v. Everton..1													
No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Retired Injured	Sent Off	Time of substitution	No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Retired Injured	Sent Off	Time of substitution
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	RB	Trevor Edwards						RB	Alexander "Sandy" Brown				
	LB	Barry Salisbury						LB	Michael "Mick" Meagen				
	RH	Frank Micic						RH	Dennis Stevens				
	CH	Matthew Woods						CH	Brian Labone				
	LH	Ladislav "Les" Scheinflug (c)						LH	Brian Harris				
	OR	Kazimierz "Kaz" Kowalec						OR	Alexander "Alex" Scott	46			
	IR	Mieczyslaw "Mike" Jurecki						IR	Colin Harvey	48			
	CF	Leopold "Leo" Baumgartner						CF	James "Jimmy" Gabriel	11			
	IL	Herbert Ninaus	18					IL	Roy Vernon (c)				
	OL	Victor "Vic" Reynolds						OL	John Morrissey	58, 72			
Team Coach		Jim Kelly					Team Coach						
							Team Trainer						
							Team Manager		Tom Eggleston				
Referee		R.Lamb											
Linesman		F.Woolman											
Linesman		K.Lockrev											

match report from The Sun-Herald, 17/5/1964, page 52

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A linesman's unbelievably bad decision yesterday ended any chance of the Australian Soccer team really extending Everton in the match at the Showground.

A crowd of 39,794 saw Everton play the game hard to score a 5-1 win.

The score was deceptive, although there was never any doubt that Everton were going to win.

The Australian team played far above themselves to hold Everton's costly collection of international stars to 1-all at the interval.

But it was all over after the second half had been in progress for four minutes.

Everton's brilliant right-winger, Alex Scott, broke away from tenacious rival Barry Salisbury in the first minute after the interval.

He cut in and hit a low scorching shot past Australia's last-minute replacement goalkeeper Aduato Iglesias, which went in off the far post.

This put Everton into the lead 2-1.

Then came a goal which should not have been allowed.

Everton inside-right Colin Harvey was at least three yards off-side when he received a pass from left-winger Johnny Morrissey.

Harvey stopped for an instant when he realised where he was.

Centre-half Matt Woods and other Australian defenders had moved upfield to catch him in an "off side trap."

Harvey seemed as surprised as everybody else when he was not pulled up for being off-side, but he made no mistake in scoring from point blank range.

Linesman Frank Woolman kept his flag down when Victorian referee Bob Lamb looked across to him for guidance on the possibility of off-side play.

He was probably the only person at the ground who thought that Harvey was on side.

The crowd could hardly believe what had happened and for several minutes hooted Lamb's decision to allow the goal.

Centre-half Matt Woods shook his fist in disgust while captain Les Scheinflug and other Australian players crowded around Lamb in a bid to make him change his ruling.

"It was the worst decision I have ever seen," said a bitterly disappointed Scheinflug after the match.

"It took all of the heart out of our boys."

Before the Australian team could get back into their stride, Morrissey scored the best goal of the match with a rocketing shot.

He hit the ball on the volley with his left foot.

Morrissey fastened on to it after Everton's snowy haired centre-forward Jimmy Gabriel went up in the air in a bid to get to a centre from Scott.

The Australian team was far from disgraced with their much improved display.

Nobody could have expected them to put up such a fight in the first half against an Everton team whose players are highly paid full-time professionals.

The Australian team moved to the ball much more quickly and with greater determination than in Melbourne where they were beaten 8-2.

There was some spite in some of the tackles and Everton full-back Sandy Brown was knocked out when he clashed with the spearhead of the Australian attack Herbert Ninaus.

It was the big hearted Ninaus who scored the goal which enabled Australia to draw level at 1-all in the 18th minute of play.

The move was begun by deep-lying centre-forward Leo Baumgartner when he sent a pass to the determined Vic Reynolds.

Reynolds cut the ball back across the goalmouth, where a shot by Australian right-winger Kaz Kowalec was blocked.

But Ninaus moved in to the rebound and hit a low shot past Everton's goalkeeper, Andy Rankin.

The inclusion of Woods made all the difference to the Australian defence.

He was strong in the air and did a tremendous amount of effective covering to come out on top in his duel with Gabriel.

The only serious error made by Woods resulted in Gabriel breaking away and opening the scoring with a rising shot from an acute angle in the 10th minute of play.

EVERTON 5 (J.Morrissey 2, J.Gabriel, A.Scott, C.Harvey) beat AUSTRALIA 1 (H.Ninaus).

Crowd: 39,794.

The Everton team had a series of challenge matches in addition to the test matches. The results of those games were:-

2nd.May 1964 New South Wales..1 v. Everton..4 at the Sydney Cricket Ground, Moore Park, Sydney Attendance..51566

4th.May 1964 Queensland..0 v. Everton..5 at the Brisbane Cricket Ground, Woolloongabba, Brisbane Attendance..18600

13th.May 1964 South Australia..0 v. Everton..3 at Norwood Oval, Adelaide Attendance..25000

20th.May 1964 Western Australia..1 v. Everton..14 at the WACA Ground, Perth Attendance..16000

24th.May 1964 Victoria..1 v. Everton..3 at Olympic Park, Melbourne Attendance..25270

27th.May 1964 Northern New South Wales..1 v. Everton..8 at the Newcastle Sports Ground, Newcastle Attendance..13000

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FK Torpedo Moskva was formed in 1924 by the AMO automotive plant (Avtomobilnoe Moskovskoe Obshchestvo), and played in the Moscow League.

In 1933 the name was changed to ZIS after the owner's name was changed to Zavod Imeni Stalina.

In 1936 the name was changed to Torpedo Moscow when they became one of the founding members of the Soviet 'B' league.

They were promoted to the 'A' League in 1938, which became the First Group after the World War II. Torpedo were champions in 1960 and runners up in 1957, 1961 and 1964.

Torpedo Moscow has won the The Soviet Cup in 1949, 1952, and 1960 and were runners up in 1947, 1958 and 1961.

Date & Time			Venue				Weather			Temperature		Attendance	
25th. February 1965, 20.30			W.A.C.A. Ground, Perth, Western Australia									12000	
Australian XI..0 v. FK Torpedo Moskva (U.S.S.R.)..2													
half time, Australian XI..0 v. FK Torpedo Moskva..1													
No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Retired Injured	Sent Off	Time of substitution	No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Retired Injured	Sent Off	Time of substitution
START LIST													
	GK	Lou Ivanoff (W.A.)						GK	Anzor Kavazashvili				
	RB	Mita Stojanovic (N.S.W.)						RB	Vyacheslav Andreyuk				
	LB	Cliff van Blerk (N.S.W.)						LB	Aleksandr Mushkovets				
	RH	Neil Morson (W.A.)						RH	Vladimir Sarayev				
	CH	Theo Paap (W.A.)						CH	Vladimir Brednev				
	LH	Roy Simpson (c) (W.A.)						LH	Vladimir Mescheryakov				
	OR	Hamilton "Hammy" McMeechan (Vic.)						OR	Vyacheslav Solovyev	37			
	IR	Rodney Reid (W.A.)						IR	Aleksandr Lenev				
	CF	Jim Malloy (Vic.)						CF	Vladimir Shcherbakov				
	IL	Michael "Mike" Ireson (W.A.)						IL	Boris Batanov				46
	OL	Tommy Stankovic (Vic.)						OL	Oleg Sergeev	69			
SUBSTITUTES													
									Evgeniy Vasilyev				46
Team Coach		Eddie McGeough					Team Coach		Viktor Maryenko				
							Team Trainer						
Team Manager		Charlie Sweeney					Team Manager						
Referee		E.Bude											
Linesman							Squad List		Goalkeepers		Anzor Kavazashvili		
Linesman											Eduard Shapovalenko		
									Fullbacks		Vyacheslav Andreyuk		
											Aleksandr Mushkovets		
											Vyacheslav Marushko		
											Anatoly Putinsev		
									Half-backs		Vladimir Sarayev		
											Vladimir Brednev		
											Vladimir Mescheryakov		
											Evgeniy Vasilyev		
									Forwards		Vyacheslav Solovyev		
											Aleksandr Lenev		
											Vladimir Shcherbakov		
											Boris Batanov		
											Oleg Sergeev		
											Stanislav Kuznetsov		
											Vladimir Fedotov		

The Australian XI was also shown as a Combined XI.

Vladimir Sarayev is also shown as Saraev. Aleksandr Lenev is also shown as Leniev. Oleg Sergeev is also shown as Sergeyev and Sergeiev.

match report from The West Australian, 26/2/1965, page 24

A hard-tackling Australian soccer eleven was defeated, 2-0, by Torpedo Moscow in the first match of the Russian team's tour of Australia at the W.A.C.A. Ground last night.

It was a dour, often uninspiring match and the Russians' lack of thrust in the forward line must have disappointed the team selectors and coaches.

A crowd of 12,500 saw the match, which was played in stifling heat.

Torpedo captain Boris Batanov, at inside-left, worked hard in the first half to inspire his team, but he was handicapped in his dual role of roving forward and half-back and it was no surprise when he was replaced at the interval.

Far from showing the speed and bewildering ball-play of its practice sessions, the Russian attack at times appeared ponderous, particularly the heavily-built centre-forward Vladimir Shcherbakov.

Torpedo's shooting had power, but lacked control and many of the moves broke down because of over-indulgence in passing when more direct methods would have been beneficial.

A remark from a spectator behind the home team's bench towards the end of the match expressed the feelings of many in the crowd.

"If this is the famed 4-2-4 system (Torpedo's practical line-up) you can have it."

However, great credit must be given to the combined team of six W.A. and five Eastern States players.

Outstanding in defence were N.S.W. fullbacks Cliff van Blerk and Mita Stojanovic and 19-year-old W.A. goalkeeper Lou Ivanoff.

Captain Rod Simpson, Theo Paap and Neil Morson all played soundly in midfield.

In addition to repelling many Torpedo attacks they, in turn, initiated a number of moves which might have brought goals had W.A.'s forwards been able to combine better.

Inside-right Viacheslav Soloviev put Torpedo ahead after 37min, with a ten-yard shot along the ground that gave goalkeeper Ivanoff no chance.

At half-time Batanov was replaced at inside-left by Evgeniy Vasilyev.

After 18min. of the second half a muscle injury to Morson's right leg caused the half-back to be replaced by Mike Ireson in the combined side.

Sergeiev made amends for an earlier miss after 24min. of the second half when he outpaced Stojanovic to drive a ball past Ivanoff from outside the penalty-area.

At half-time, Torpedo's interpreter German Orlov complained to Eddie McGeough, coach of the combined side, about the "ankle-tapping" tactics of the Australian defenders.

The FK Torpedo Moskva team had a series of challenge matches in addition to the test match. The results of those games were:-

27th. February 1965 Sydney XI..1 v. FK Torpedo Moskva..1 at the Royal Agricultural Ground, Moore Park, Sydney, Kick-off 15.30, Attendance..30000

3rd. March 1965 Queensland..0 v. FK Torpedo Moskva..1 at the Exhibition Ground, Brisbane, Attendance..15000

6th. March 1965 South Australia..0 v. FK Torpedo Moskva..3 at the Olympic Sports Field, Adelaide, Kick-off 15.30 Attendance..15300

8th. March 1965 Victorian State League XI..0 v. FK Torpedo Moskva..4 at Olympic Park, Melbourne, Kick-off 15.15, Attendance..25000

14th. March 1965 Victoria..1 v. FK Torpedo Moskva..4 at Olympic Park, Melbourne, Attendance..16500

21st. March 1965 New South Wales..0 v. FK Torpedo Moskva..1 at the Royal Agricultural Ground, Moore Park, Sydney, Attendance..30150

Chelsea Football Club is a club located in London, England.

In 1904, Gus Mears acquired the Stamford Bridge athletics stadium with the aim of turning it into a football ground. An offer to lease it to nearby Fulham was turned down, so Mears opted to found his own club to use the stadium. As there was already a team named Fulham in the borough, the name of the adjacent borough of Chelsea was chosen for the new club. Chelsea were founded on 10th March 1905 at The Rising Sun pub opposite the main entrance to the ground on Fulham Road, and were elected to the Football League shortly afterwards.

The club won promotion to the First Division in their second season, and reached the 1915 FA Cup Final only to lose to Sheffield United.

Chelsea won their first major trophy, the 1954-55 First Division, and the FA Charity Shield in 1955.

Date & Time			Venue				Weather			Temperature		Attendance	
23rd. May 1965,			Royal Agricultural Ground, Moore Park, Sydney, New South Wales, Australia (Sydney Showground)									20637	
Australian XI..2 v. Chelsea (England)..2													
half time, Australian XI..1 v. Chelsea..1													
No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Retired Injured	Sent Off	Time of substitution	No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Retired Injured	Sent Off	Time of substitution
START LIST													
	GK	John Roberts						GK	John Barron				
	RB	Nigel Shepherd						RB	Marvin Hinton				
	LB	George Nuttall						LB	Ron Harris				
	RH	Patrick Hughes						RH	John Boyle				
	CH	William "Billy" Rice						CH	John Mortimore (c)				
	LH	Ladislav "Les" Scheinflug (c)					6	LH	Frank Upton	84			
	OR	Roy Blitz	30					OR	Joseph "Joe" Fascione				
	IR	John Watkiss	76					IR	Barry Bridges				
	CF	Archibald "Archie" Blue						CF	Peter Osgood	9			
	IL	John Anderson						IL	Jimmy McCalliog				
	OL	James "Jim" Pearson						OL	Peter Houseman				
Team Coach		Tiko Jelisavcic					Team Coach		Tommy Docherty				
							Team Trainer						
							Team Manager						
Referee		Harold Parsons											
Linesman							Squad List		Goalkeepers		John Barron		
Linesman											Ken Shellito		
											Peter Bonetti		
									Fullbacks		Marvin Hinton		
											Ron Harris		
											John Hollins		
									Half-backs		John Boyle		
											John Mortimore		
											Frank Upton		
											Albert Murray		
											Scott William "Billy" Sinclair		
									Forwards		Joseph "Joe" Fascione		
											Barry Bridges		
											Peter Osgood		
											Jimmy McCalliog		
											Peter Houseman		
											George Graham		
											James "Jimmy" Smart		
											Terry Venables		

match report from The Sydney Morning Herald, 24/5/1965, page 18 <https://news.google.com/newspapers?nid=IL5f5cZqg8MC&dat=19650524&printsec=frontpage&hl=en>

An Australian XI drew 2-all with Chelsea Soccer club at the Showground yesterday.

But to the majority of the 20,000 spectators it will be remembered as a draw which might have been a win for the Australians.

Eight minutes from the end of the game, Chelsea took a corner kick and from the resultant play they scored the vital equalising goal.

In the congestion of players leaping for the ball in the penalty area, Australian XI goalkeeper John Roberts was seen to suddenly stop and turn to the referee, Harold Parsons.

Almost all the players likewise stopped - everyone except sturdy Chelsea wing-half Frank Upton.

Upton headed the ball slowly into the goal while Roberts watched and waited for the referee's whistle.

But the whistle did not sound, and the delighted Chelsea men milled around Upton as Roberts slowly picked the ball out of the net.

After the game, Chelsea team manager Tommy Docherty admitted: "Your goalkeeper was fouled."

In the dressing-room, Roberts claimed he had been held around the neck by a Chelsea opponent in the skirmish after the corner kick.

The Australians' coach, Tiko Jelisavcic, excitedly told reporters his team had been "robbed."

However welcome this 2-all draw may be for the Australian team, several important factors have to be considered in assessing the value of the game.

Chelsea were without seven of their regular first-division players, including the two valuable forwards Terry Venables and George Graham, both of whom were injured.

On Saturday afternoon they were in Adelaide playing against South Australia. This was followed by a hurried flight to Sydney.

But such excuses detract from the stout-hearted fightback by the Australians following Chelsea's first goal in the ninth minute of the game.

The Australian defenders again must accept the bouquets for their whole-hearted performances.

The half-back line, Pat Hughes, Bill Rice and captain Les Scheinflug did an exceptionally fine job.

Young goalkeeper Roberts was a striking figure as he raced out well wide of his goal to drag down high "marks" that would have done an Australian Rules player justice.

Chelsea rarely displayed the precision and ruthless efficiency of their first half against N.S.W. earlier this month.

Certainly their first goal indicated they might do so, for it was as swiftly executed and as devastating as one could wish to see.

Tiny right-winger Joe Fascione sped 50 yards downfield, crossed to Barry Bridges, who chipped the ball to centre-forward Peter Osgood from the right flank.

Osgood lobbed the ball cleverly beyond goalkeeper Roberts' fingers and the score was 1-nil.

The Australians equalised in the 29th minute when winger Roy Blitz curved a corner kick on to Scheinflug's head, and he made no error in thumping it past goalkeeper Jim Barron.

They went to the lead after 76 minutes following good preliminary work by Blitz and Scheinflug before the Australian captain centred for John Watkiss to crack the ball in from point-blank range.

AUSTRALIAN XI 2 (L.Scheinflug, J.Watkiss) drew with CHELSEA 2 (P.Osgood, F.Upton)

Crowd: 20,637.

match report from Soccer News, 27/5/1965, page 5 by Martin Aston

To everyone's amazement Australia's prospective World Cup team last Sunday was robbed of a victory over Chelsea.

But they face a tremendous task to repeat their performance in Sunday's match at Olympic Park because Chelsea will be strengthened by the return of its skipper and key player Terry Venables and the striking inside forward George Graham.

Venables is the player who lies deep and launches attack after attack from the middle of the field.

But the fact remains that our Australian team played magnificently in last Sunday's game and should have won.

Referee Harold Parsons was one of the few people at the ground who thought that Chelsea's second goal scored by left half Frank Upton was a legitimate one.

He did not see the way in which a Chelsea player leapt into the air and fouled Australia's young goalkeeper John Roberts as he attempted to get out and reach the ball in a goal-mouth scramble after a corner kick.

At the time, Australia was leading 2-1 and there were only seven minutes remaining for play.

Roberts stood almost motionless with an amazed look on his face as Upton leapt and put the ball into the goal with the back of his head when Parsons did not blow his whistle for a foul.

The Australian players could hardly believe their eyes and spectators who had seen what had happened hooted angrily.

But Parsons simply pointed towards the centre and took a note in his little book crediting Upton with having scored the goal.

The Chelsea players agreed after the match that they were surprised when the goal was allowed and their outspoken manager, Tommy Docherty, went one further and declared "It was not a goal . . . your goalkeeper was fouled."

Roberts told me later: "Upton, No.6, grabbed me around the neck and I just stood there waiting for a free kick to be awarded."

"Only the referee did not see the foul," exclaimed a bitterly disappointed Australian coach Tiko Yelisavcic.

"We do not want the referee to help us but we don't like him to pinch the game from us."

The Australian players fought for every ball in more than matching spirit and enthusiasm of the young Chelsea team and for most of the second half actually looked the better team.

But it should not be forgotten that Chelsea was without Venables and five other leading players because of injury and the tour of Europe by the England Under 23 team.

Australia had taken the lead for the first time in the 30th minute of the second half when Roy Blitz had a perfect through pass to send left half Les Scheinflug racing down the right wing.

Scheinflug cut the ball across the goal mouth and there was the rangy John Watkiss waiting near the far post to slip it past the goalkeeper Jim Barron.

But the goal with which Chelsea had opened the scoring in the 10th minute of play was an even better one.

The move began when Joe Fascione fastened onto a clearance from goalkeeper Barron and made a dash up the right wing before sending a pass to England's current centre-forward Barry Bridges.

Bridges wasted no time in accelerating past full-back George Nuttall and sending a perfectly placed centre across to where Peter Osgood was waiting on the far corner of the penalty area.

Osgood did not give anybody a chance as he sent the ball rocketing into the net with a header.

But Australia refused to become disheartened and drew level when Blitz scored a surprising goal direct from a corner kick.

He carefully placed the ball and sent it curving across to float over the heads of the players and elude the clutching hand of Barron.

Chelsea 2 (P.Osgood, F.Upton) drew with Australia 2 (R.Blitz, J.Watkiss).

The teams were:-

AUSTRALIA: J.Roberts; N.Shepherd, G.Nuttall; P.Hughes, W.Rice, L.Scheinflug (captain); R.Blitz, J.Watkiss, A.Blue, J.Anderson, J.Pearson.

CHELSEA: J.Barron; M.Hinton, R.Harris; J.Boyle, J.Mortimore (captain), F.Upton; J.Fascione, B.Bridges, P.Osgood, J.McCalliog, P.Houseman.

Date & Time			Venue				Weather			Temperature		Attendance	
30th. May 1965,			Olympic Park, Melbourne, Victoria									12000	
Australian XI..1 v. Chelsea (England)..1													
half time, Australian XI..0 v. Chelsea..1													
No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Retired Injured	Sent Off	Time of substitution	No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Retired Injured	Sent Off	Time of substitution
START LIST													
	GK	John Roberts						GK	John Barron				
	RB	Nigel Shepherd						RB	Ken Shellito				X
	LB	George Nuttall						LB	Ron Harris				
	RH	Patrick Hughes						RH	John Boyle				
	CH	William "Billy" Cook						CH	Marvin Hinton				
	LH	Ladislav "Les" Scheinflug (c)						LH	Frank Upton				
	OR	Roy Blitz						OR	Barry Bridges	X			
	IR	John Anderson						IR	George Graham				
	CF	John Watkiss	X					CF	Peter Osgood				
	IL	Eric Pattison				X		IL	Jimmy McCalliog				X*
	OL	James "Jim" Pearson						OL	Peter Houseman				
SUBSTITUTES													
		Don Hodgson				X			John Mortimore				X
									Joe Fascione				X*
Team Coach		Tiko Jelisavcic					Team Coach		Tommy Docherty				
							Team Trainer						
							Team Manager						
Referee		G.Lamb											
Linesman													
Linesman													

match report from The Age, 31/5/1965, page 25

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Australia held the English league cup winners Chelsea to a one goal draw at Olympic Park yesterday in a game which disappointed most of the 18,000 spectators who braved the bad weather.

Although the Chelsea side has been depleted by the absence of some star players who were required for the England international eleven, it was expected that it would display some of the power game which has made it one of the glamor teams of English soccer.

But the tourists displayed a rather jaded approach to the game. Possibly, the arduous 46-game season in England, plus the change of climate for the present tour of Australia, has taken the edge off Chelsea's game.

As had been warned by the Australian Soccer Federation Archie Blue and Billy Rice, of the Victorian J.U.S.T. team who played in a club game on Saturday, were dropped from the Australian side.

They are now under suspension until the national body deals with the matter.

There is no doubt that the action taken was justified under the rules, but it was a pity that Blue, who would have been the trigger for Australia, was missing from the line-up.

Rice was also missed, although his replacement, Cooke, played well.

Johnny Watkiss, the New South Wales player with a big reputation, lacked the sting of Blue, and was the weakest forward in the team.

Time and again Watkiss resorted to "staging," trying to gain free kicks, and after two tries the referee ignored his later attempts.

Highlight of the game was the lone goal by Chelsea. Sparked off by Bridges, the England international, it was a gem.

A quick transfer and Bridges was through for a paralysing shot which gave Roberts, the Australian goalie, no chance to save.

Another "floater" by Bridges, which was volleyed by Graham, bounced on the crossbar, and Australia had a life.

Without question, Bridges was the player of the game. His electrifying dashes down the wing were full of fire.

Osgood was kept quiet by Billy Cooke, and to hold a player of that calibre was a feather in Cooke's cap.

Leading by the only goal in the first term, it seemed that Chelsea would win the match. Then Watkiss, in one of his few dashes of play, broke through and was fouled inside the penalty area.

Watkiss was well clear and the Chelsea full-back who brought him down saved a sure goal. However, from the resulting penalty the Australian skipper, Les Scheinflug, had the tourist goalie helpless with a well-placed shot to tie the score.

It was not a good game, but one thing has been proved. With every game against an overseas side, some of the polish rubs off on to our players.

This latest performance against a side with Chelsea's reputation, backed by the other results on the tour, proves beyond doubt that if the proper approach is adopted, Australia will be in world class in a few short years.

Australia 1 drew with Chelsea 1.

Gate receipts: £6795.

The Chelsea team had a series of challenge matches in addition to the test matches. The results of those games were:-

8th.May 1965 New South Wales..0 v. Chelsea..5 at the Sydney Cricket Ground, Moore Park, Sydney, Attendance..25116
12th.May 1965 Australian Capital Territory..0 v. Chelsea..7 at Manuka Oval, Canberra, Attendance..3500
15th.May 1965 Northern New South Wales..2 v. Chelsea..6 at Newcastle Sports Ground, Newcastle, Attendance..13000
16th.May 1965 Victoria..0 v. Chelsea..1 at Olympic Park, Melbourne, Attendance..16000
19th.May 1965 Western Australia..1 v. Chelsea..6 at the W.A.C.A. Ground, Perth, Attendance..7000
22nd.May 1965 South Australia..1 v. Chelsea..2 at the Olympic Sports Field, Adelaide, Kick-off 14.30, Attendance..14000
27th.May 1965 Tasmania..0 v. Chelsea..12 at North Hobart Oval, Hobart, Attendance..3000

Date & Time			Venue			Weather			Temperature			Attendance		
24th. October 1965, 15.00			Parramatta Park, Cairns, Queensland									1500		
Far North Queensland XI..0 v. Australia..17														
half time, Far North Queensland XI..0 v. Australia..11														
No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Retired Injured	Sent Off	Time of substitution	No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Retired Injured	Sent Off	Time of substitution	
START LIST														
	GK	van Dress						GK						
								RB						
								LB						
								RH	Patrick Hughes					
								CH						
								LH	Ladislav "Les" Scheinflug				X	
	Di Marco							OR	Geoffrey Sleight	X				
								IR	John Anderson	X				
										X, X, X,				
								CF	Steven Herczeg	X, X, X				
								IL	John Watkiss	1, X, X, X				
								OL	James "Jim" Pearson					
SUBSTITUTES														
									John Warren	X, X			X	
									Archibald "Archie" Blue	X, X, X			X*	
Team Coach							Team Coach		Tiko Jelisavcic					
							Team Trainer							
							Team Manager							
Referee														
Linesman							Squad List		Goalkeepers		John Roberts (Apia)			
Linesman											William Rorke (Bankstown)			
									Fullbacks		Nigel Shepherd (Slavia)			
											Stanley Ackerley (Apia)			
											Patrick Hughes (Apia)			
									Half-backs		Ladislav "Les" Scheinflug (Prague)			
											William "Billy" Rice (J.U.S.T.)			
											William "Billy" Cook (Slavia)			
											John Duffy (Slavia)			
									Forwards		Geoffrey Sleight (Prague)			
											John Watkiss (Apia)			
											John Anderson (Hellas, Victoria)			
											Steven Herczeg (Juventus, South Australia)			
											Hamilton "Hammy" McMeechan (Croatia)			
											James "Jim" Pearson (Pan Hellenic)			
											John Warren (St.George-Budapest)			
											Archibald "Archie" Blue (J.U.S.T.)			
											David Todd (St.George-Budapest)			
											Roy Blitz (Pan Hellenic)			
											Ian Johnston (Coalstars, Queensland)			
											Ron Giles (Wallsend North, N.S.W.)			

The Far North Queensland team is also shown as a Cairns Representative XI.

match report from the Cairns Post, 25/10/1965

The Far North Queensland soccer team was completely outclassed in yesterday's match against the Australian team at Parramatta Park.

At the final whistle, the Australian side had scored 17 goals to Far North's nil.

The coach of the Australian side (Tiko Jelisavcich) credited his team's win to the fact that they had far too much soccer knowledge for the opposing side.

Mr.Jelisavcich said, however, that it must be taken into consideration that the Far North side were amateurs and had not played as a team before.

The Australian side showed far too much speed for Far North and their premeditated movements practically always paid dividends, Mr.Jelisavcich said.

The first point of the match came when J.Watkiss netted the ball after about 15 seconds of the first half had elapsed. At half time Australia led 11-0.

Mr.Jelisavcich considered the main fault of the local side in the second half to be that they played too defensively and failed to attack.

He considered that Van Dress, the Far North goal-keeper, to be the outstanding player for his side.

"In the second half he made 10 really remarkable saves," Mr.Jelisavcich said. The only other player to shine for North Queensland was Di Marco, of Mareeba.

Best players for the Australian side were P.Hughes, S.Hertzeg, J.Peterson and J.Watkiss

Goal scorers were S.Hertzeg (6), J.Watkiss (4), A.Blue (3), J.Warren (2), G.Slight and J.Anderson (1).

Attendance was about 1500.

Next Sunday the Australian team will travel to Ingham to meet the Herbert River side.

Les Scheinflug injured an ankle in this match and was out of action for week.

Date & Time		Venue		Weather		Temperature		Attendance					
31st. October 1965,		Ingham Showground, Ingham, Queensland		Hot		97F		4250					
Herbert River - Roma..0 v. Australia..12													
half time, Herbert River - Roma..0 v. Australia..4													
No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Retired Injured	Sent Off	Time of substitution	No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Retired Injured	Sent Off	Time of substitution
START LIST													
	GK	L.Rodriguez						GK					
	RB	J.Voormeulen											
	LB	P.Noble							Stanley "Stan" Ackerley	X			
	RH	B.Jones											
	CH	G.Baggiere							William "Billy" Rice				
	LH	V.Della Rocca							Geoffrey Sleight	X			
	OR	T.Gonella							John Anderson	X			
	IR	S.Pittolo							Hamilton "Hammy" McMeechan	X, X, X, X			
	CF	L.Cantante							Steve Herczeg	X, X			
	IL	E.Zannata							Archibald "Archie" Blue	X, X			
	OL	F.Checcin							John Watkiss	X			
SUBSTITUTES													
	GK	L.Vavasori											
		S.Menegon											
Team Coach							Team Coach		Tiko Jelisavcic				
							Team Trainer						
							Team Manager						
Referee													
Linesman													
Linesman													

match report from the Herbert River Express, 2/11/1965, page 2

Enthusiasts described the match as probably having been the best soccer display ever seen in the North.

Although the Herbert River - Roma side was out-classed, the team members played the games of their lives to hold the National representatives to a 12-0 win.

Measure of the local team's strength was in the fact that on the previous Sunday the Australian side had defeated Far North Queensland in Cairns by 17 to nil.

Herbert River - Roma played as a team clearly showing the style and form which won the North Queensland Cup.

The Australian side was a delight to watch.

Mastery of the ball and the skill in switching play represented soccer of the highest standard.

The team never took risks, and the goal attempts always were decisive.

While the side did not have much call for defensive play, ability in this regard showed through also.

Sunday's match will have an extremely beneficial effect on local soccer, and the organiser of the visit of the Australian team, the Patron of the local Association, Mr.Gino Paris, has performed a fine service for the sport here.

Standard of play maintained by Herbert River - Roma team received strong commendation from the visiting officials and players.

The Australian team travelled to and from Ingham by special bus, and were given a bright welcome on their arrival in Ingham for the luncheon reception at the Royal Hotel.

Following the match a giant barbecue was arranged at the Showgrounds for players and spectators.

match report from Soccer World

The Australian World Cup team had another crushing win over a North Queensland side last Sunday but coach Tiko Jelisavcic still has problems of building an efficient forward line.

The Australians last Sunday beat a combined Ingham XI 12-0 at the Ingham Sports Ground before a record crowd of 4,250 spectators.

The score was 4-0 at half-time.

The squad's goals were scored by Hammy McMeechan (4), Steve Herczeg (2), Archie Blue (2), John Anderson, Geoff Sleight, John Watkiss and Stan Ackerley.

The match was played in 97 degrees of heat.

Victoria's McMeechan and stopper Billy Rice were Australia's best players against a team which put up spirited opposition in the first half when they packed their defence.

The Australians' visit was a great event in the life of Ingham and they were treated like royalty.

The players were driven in open cars to the local Town Hall where they were given a civic reception in the main square before a cheering crowd of 5,000 people who sang "Waltzing Matilda" to welcome them.

Note:- Following conversations with Geoff Sleight, he remembers the final score as 26-0 to Australia.

Two other games were played at the Ingham Showgrounds, Ingham on the 7th. November 1965 in the Australian preparation for the World Cup play-offs

Crowd:- 3,500. Temperature:- 88F.

Queensland Representative XI..2 v. Australian Squad Probables..13 (The Herbert River Express had this match as Herbert River..2 v. Australia..11. The Queensland team was basically the Herbert River team strengthened with the inclusion of Ray Richards (Latrobe SC, Brisbane), Bob Beckhouse (Latrobe SC, Brisbane) and Graham McMillan (Hellenic SC, Brisbane).

The Australian team was Roberts, Shepherd, Ackerley, Hughes, Rice, Cook (Scheinflug), Blitz, Blue, Watkiss, Anderson (McMeechan), Todd.

Tiko Jelisavcic was also reported to have played.

Scorers:- Watkiss (7), Hughes, Anderson, Blue, McMeechan, Ackerley and Blitz.

The two goals for Herbert River were scored by Ray Richards (pk) and Graham McMillan.

The second game was between "Best of South"..0 v. Australian XI..17 (The Sydney Morning Herald had the match as Townsville v. Possibles).

The "Best of South" team was from the Far North Queensland Southern Zone (which covered the Townsville - Mackay belt).

The Australian Squad Possibles included Rorke, Warren, Pearson, McMeechan, Johnston, Giles, Sleight, Herczeg and three local Ingham players.

Scorers were Herczeg (5), McMeechan (3), Johnston (3), Sleight (2), Warren (2), Giles and Pearson.

The Australians arrived in Cambodia on the 15th. November 1965 and it had been previously announced that a warm-up game would be played against Malaysia. However, this match did not eventuate.

World Cup, Asian Group play-off													
Date & Time			Venue			Weather			Temperature		Attendance		
21st. November 1965,			Stade Olympique, Phnom-Penh, Cambodia			Humid					60000		
Democratic People's Republic of Korea..6 v. Australia..1													
half time, DPR Korea..1 v. Australia..0													
No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Retired Injured	Sent Off	Time of substitution	No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Retired Injured	Sent Off	Time of substitution
START LIST													
	GK	Ri Chan-Myong						GK	John Roberts				
	RB	Pak Ri-Sob						RB	Nigel Shepherd				
	LB	Shin Yong-Kyu						LB	Stanley "Stan" Ackerley				
	RH	Kang Bong-Chil						RH	Patrick Hughes				
	CH	Rim Jung-Son						CH	William "Billy" Rice				
	LH	Im Song-Hwi	58					LH	Ladislav "Les" Scheinflug (c)	70(pk)			
	OR	Han Bong-Jin	65, 88					OR	Geoffrey Sleight				
	IR	Pak Du-Ik	15					IR	John Anderson				
	CF	Pak Sung-Jin (c)	54, 80					CF	Archibald "Archie" Blue				
	IL	Kang Byong-Un						IL	John Watkiss				
	OL	Kim Song-Il						OL	David Todd				
Team Coach		Myong Rye-Hyon					Team Coach		Tiko Jelisavcic				
Team Manager							Team Trainer						
Referee		Patrick Nice (Malaysia)					Team Manager		Jim Bayutti				
Linesman		Sun Luk Tat (Hong Kong)											
Linesman		Gregory Anthony de Silva (Singapore)											

Ri Chan-Myong is also shown as Li Chan Myung and Lee Chan Myung. All are correct but Ri is specific to North Korea.

Pak Ri-Sob is also shown as Pak Li-Sup; Shin Yong-Kyu is also shown as Shin Yung-Kyoo; Rim Jung-Son is also shown as Lim Zoong-Sun; Im Song-Hwi is also shown as Im Shung-Hwi;

Han Bong-Jin is also shown as Han Bong-Zin; Pak Du-Ik is also shown as Pak Doo-Ik; Pak Sung-Jin is also shown as Pak Seung-Zin; Kang Byong-Un is also shown as Kang Ryong-Woon;

Kim Song-Il is also shown as Kim Seung-il.

match report from Soccer News, 25/11/1965, page 3

Australia's first venture into the World Cup ended in a thrashing tonight.

North Korea, playing crisp, attractive, attacking Soccer, won 6-1 and virtually ended the Australian hopes of moving straight into the final 16 in London next year.

A crowd of 60,000 saw the Australians take the field tonight without Roy Blitz (stomach trouble) and Jim Pearson (foot injury).

The team was: John Roberts, Nigel Shepherd, Stan Ackerley, Pat Hughes, Billy Rice, Les Scheinflug, Geoff Sleight, John Anderson, Archie Blue, John Watkiss, Dave Todd.

The Australians, after a series of impressive trial games both in Cairns, Queensland, and in Cambodia, were confident of victory over the Koreans.

However, the Koreans proved too fast and too clever and made the Australians look almost like schoolboys.

The Koreans thrilled the crowd with their teamwork, attacking play and tremendous shots at goal.

The Australian team was only down by one goal to nil at half time but the Koreans were the better team straight from the kickoff.

The match was played in humid oppressive heat with the temperature reading 90 degrees.

The Cambodian head of State, Prince Norodom Sihanouk, presented players of both teams with special medals after the match.

The Australians offered boomerangs to their opponents.

From the kick off, the Korean attack nearly scored a goal in a mix up near the Australian goalmouth when Shepherd backpassed to goalie Roberts who mistimed his interception of the shot.

The first goal came after about 15 minutes when the Korean inside right, Pak Do Ok, broke through the whole Australian defence to score unopposed from 10 yards out.

It was all Korea after that and the unsafe Australian defence had many lucky escapes.

There appeared to be no cohesion between the Australian forwards and their halves.

Thirty seconds before half-time the Koreans put the ball into the net for the second time, but the goal was disallowed by referee Nice of Malaysia.

He ruled the Korean left-winger, Kim Seung Ol, off side but the crowd disputed the ruling.

The Australians started the second half better when left-winger Todd broke through four defenders. His shot was blocked, however, on the penalty area by right full-back Pak Si Sul.

The Koreans' greater teamwork and experience took its toll at 54 minutes when centre forward Pak Seung Jin lofted a pass to right winger Han Bong Jin who sidestepped Ackerley and Rice to score with a low rising shot from 20 yards out.

The Koreans sealed the match three minutes later when goalie Roberts let in a weak 15-yard drive by left half-back, On Sung Hwi.

After 65 minutes the score was 4-0.

Roberts was beaten by another seemingly easy shot only four minutes later.

The Australians did not stop trying and were rewarded after 70 minutes of play when the referee awarded a penalty to Australia for a hard, but seemingly legal tackle on John Watkiss by the Korean stopper, Lim Zoong Sun.

Australian skipper Les Scheinflug converted a well-placed shot in the right corner.

Another goal by the Korean's deep-lying centre-forward came after 78 minutes when the whole forward line combined admirably to flatfoot the Australian defence and allow Pak Seung Jin to notch his second goal.

match report from 1966 Soccer World Annual, page 62 and 63.

Australia's first venture in the World Cup ended in disaster before a crowd of 60,000 at Phnom Penh's breathtakingly modern Stade Olympique.

However, it was inexperience more than anything else that caused our downfall.

The players were paralysed by nervousness the moment they stepped onto the field where the atmosphere was electric.

The importance of the occasion and the searing 88-degree heat also took its toll because it was evident from the kick-off that the well drilled North Koreans were a vastly superior outfit.

Australia's well laid plans to apply a strict 4-2-4 went overboard in the opening minutes when it became apparent that the Koreans were much more expert in making a success of the 4-2-4 system, which they had practised together for three years.

The Australians, anyhow, were far too busy defending desperately from the kick-off to concentrate on any arduous system.

To keep the ball from their net was their only objective and sheer guts restricted the North Koreans to only one goal at halftime.

Although we were outclassed, Watkiss had a great chance in the 42nd minute to level the score when he was presented with a wide open goal.

Unfortunately his shot missed by 18 inches . . .

The Koreans went into attack straight after halftime and after 65 minutes were leading 4-0.

They played havoc with our defence and their quicksilver forwards, especially wingers Han Bong Jin and Kim Seung Il and centre-forward Pak Seung Jin, led a merry dance round the Australian defenders.

To make things worse, goalie Roberts lost his nerve altogether and let in three goals from way out.

Australia's "consolation" goal came in the 70th minute when Malaysian referee Patrick Nice awarded them a penalty for a foul on Watkiss.

Scheinflug duly scored and then followed a few minutes of Australian dominance with our first real shots at goal.

The Korean defence, however, stood its ground and in the last 10 minutes their forwards completed Australia's rout with another two goals.

North Korea: Li Chan Myung; Pak Li Sub, Shin Yung Kyoo; Kang Bong Chil, Lim Zoong Sun, In Seung Hwi; Han Bong Jin, Pak Do Ok, Pak Seung Jin, Kang Ryong Woon, Kim Seung Il. Coach: Myung Re Hyun.

Australia: Roberts; Shepherd, Ackerley; Hughes, Rice, Scheinflug; Slight, Anderson, Blue, Watkiss, Todd. Coach: T.Jelisavcic.

Referee: P.F.Nice (Malaysia)

Crowd: 60,000 at Stade Olympique, Phnom-Penh, 21-11-65.

World Cup, Asian Group play-off													
Date & Time			Venue			Weather			Temperature		Attendance		
24th. November 1965,			Stade Olympique, Phnom-Penh, Cambodia								55000		
Democratic People's Republic of Korea..3 v. Australia..1													
half time, DPR Korea..1 v. Australia..1													
No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Retired Injured	Sent Off	Time of substitution	No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Retired Injured	Sent Off	Time of substitution
START LIST													
	GK	Ri Chan-Myong						GK	William "Bill" Rorke				
	RB	Pak Ri-Sob						RB	Nigel Shepherd				
	LB	Shin Yong-Kyu						LB	William "Billy" Cook				
	RH	Kang Bong-Chil						RH	Patrick Hughes				
	CH	Rim Jung-Son						CH	William "Billy" Rice				
	LH	Im Song-Hwi						LH	John Watkiss				
	OR	Han Bong-Jin						OR	Roy Blitz				
	IR	Kim Yong-Gil						IR	John Anderson				
	CF	Pak Sung-Jin (c)	53					CF	Steve Herczeg				
	IL	Kang Byong-Un						IL	Ladislav "Les" Scheinflug (c)	15			
	OL	Kim Song-Il	18, 75					OL	James Pearson				
Team Coach		Myong Rye-Hyon					Team Coach		Tiko Jelisavcic				
							Team Trainer						
Team Manager							Team Manager		Jim Bayutti				
Referee		A.G.de Silva (Singapore)											
Linesman													
Linesman													

Kim Yong-Gil is also shown as Kim Yung-Kil.

match report from 1966 Soccer World Annual, page 63 and 64.

Coach Jelisavcic made many changes for the return match against North Korea, discarded the 4-2-4 and told the Australians to mark their opponents individually and to play as much of an attacking game as possible in a bid to pull the series out of the fire.

Australia started like a team inspired and it was clear the Koreans were going to have to fight for every ball.

After a few promising attacks Australia had the first goal of the match on the board.

Blitz sent a good cross in the Korean goalmouth, Pearson controlled the ball and unselfishly passed to Scheinflug who gently tapped the ball in the unguarded North Korean goal.

Alas, our lead was short lived because four minutes later the Koreans were on level terms when deep-lying centre-forward Pak Seung Jin accepted a long throw-in, weaved his way through three defenders and unexpectedly let loose with a 20-yard shot which surprised the otherwise excellent Rorke.

At halftime Australia still had a fighting chance.

We had neutralized the Korean playmakers for the whole first half and much of the brilliant teamwork which was a feature of their play in the first game was missing.

Immediately upon resumption Australia attacked again but against the run of play the Korean left winger Kim Seung Il scored with another long shot in the 53rd minute.

Then came a period of Korean domination and Australian goalie Rorke had to make some great saves to prevent an avalanche of goals.

In the 75th minute Kim Seung Il scored his second goal and North Korea deservedly led 3-1.

There was still plenty of fight left in the Australians who worried the Korean defence in the last 10 minutes.

On the whole the Koreans were faster and better in their positional play but Australia had a full share of the ball and their nervousness of the first game was gone.

Their improved display won the admiration of the Cambodians who had expected North Korea to win the return game by a still wider margin.

North Korea: Li Chan Myung; Pak Li Sub, Shin Yung Kyoo; Kang Bong Chil, Lim Zoong Sun, Im Seung Hwi; Han Bong Jin, Kim Yung Kil, Pak Seung Jin, Kang Ryong Woon, Kim Seung Il. Coach: Myong Re Hyun.

Australia: Rorke; Shepherd, Cook; Hughes, Rice, Watkiss; Blitz, Anderson, Herczeg, Scheinflug, Pearson.

Scorers: Pak Seung Jin 19 min, Kim Seung Il 53 & 75 mins for North Korea; Scheinflug 15 min for Australia.

Referee: A.G.de Silva (Singapore).

Crowd: 55,000 at Stade Olympique, Phnom-Penh, 24-11-65.

Date & Time			Venue				Weather			Temperature		Attendance	
26th. November 1965,			Stade Olympique, Phnom-Penh, Cambodia									20000	
Cambodia..0 v. Australia..0													
half time, Cambodia..0 v. Australia..0													
No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Retired Injured	Sent Off	Time of substitution	No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Retired Injured	Sent Off	Time of substitution
START LIST													
	GK	Lim Sak						GK	William "Bill" Rorke				
	RB	Tol Kim Chiv						RB	Nigel Shepherd				
	LB	Y Leang						LB	Stanley "Stan" Ackerley				
	RH	Yang Tramom (c)						RH	Patrick Hughes (c)				X
	CH	Var Sam				X		CH	John Watkiss				
	LH	Van Roeun				X*		LH	John Warren				
	OR	Doeur Sokhom						OR	Roy Blitz				X*
	IR	Hun Savuth						IR	Hamilton "Hammy" McMeechan				
	CF	Duong Duc						CF	Ian Johnston				
	IL	Neou Kandien				X**		IL	Ron Giles				
	OL	Keam San						OL	David Todd				X**
SUBSTITUTES													
		Huy Chamrong				X			John Anderson				X
		Pen Phat				X*			Archibald "Archie" Blue				X*
		Chaet Bong				X**			Geoffrey Sleight				X**
Team Coach		Vladimir Mirka					Team Coach		Tiko Jelisavcic				
							Team Trainer						
Team Manager							Team Manager		Jim Bayutti				
Referee		Aing Kim Ean (Cambodia)											
Linesman													
Linesman													

match report from 1966 Soccer World Annual, page 64, 65 and 66.

Australia outclassed Cambodia in their first post-World Cup game but failed to convert their overwhelming superiority due to atrocious finishing.

Jelisavcic fielded Australia's second stringers in the first half but brought in Anderson, Blue and Sleight after the interval in a bid to translate Australia's advantage into goals.

These changes, however, made no difference.

Australia continued to press the Cambodians in their goal area but the local defenders miraculously managed to keep their slate clean.

Despite Australia's inability to score, the team played some delightful football and combined well.

Cambodian referee Aing Kim Ean was unduly harsh on the Australians, often unjustly penalising them when they were in a good position to score and he lost control of the game in the later stages when "needle" crept into the match after players from both sides had been fouled.

Cambodia: Lim Sak; Tol Kim Chiv, Y Leang; Yang Tramom, Var Sam (Huy Chamrong), Van Roeun (Pen Phat); Doeur Sokhom, Hun Savuth, Duong Duc, Neou Kandien (Chaet Bong), Keam San.

Coach: Vladimir Mirka.

Australia: Rorke; Shepherd, Ackerley; Hughes (Anderson), Watkiss, Warren; Blitz (Blue), McMeechan, Johnston, Giles, Todd (Sleight).

Referee: Aing Kim Ean (Cambodia)

Crowd: 20,000 at Stade Olympique, Phnom-Penh, 26-11-65.

Scandinavian Airlines System Cup													
Date & Time			Venue				Weather			Temperature		Attendance	
29th. November 1965,			Government Stadium, Hong Kong									8780	
Hong Kong..1 v. Australia..0													
half time, Hong Kong..1 v. Australia..0													
No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Retired Injured	Sent Off	Time of substitution	No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Retired Injured	Sent Off	Time of substitution
START LIST													
	GK	Mui Wing-Tat						GK	William "Bill" Rorke				
	RB	Lok Tak-Hing						RB	Nigel Shepherd				
	LB	Lai Po-Chung						LB	William "Billy" Cook				
	RH	Lee Ping-Chung						RH	Patrick Hughes				
	CH	Kung Wah-Kit						CH	William "Billy" Rice				
	LH	Leung Kam-Yung						LH	John Watkiss				
	OR	Lee Kwok-Keung						OR	James "Jim" Pearson				
	IR	Wallis						IR	John Anderson				
	CF	Peter McLaren	22					CF	Ian Johnston				X
	IL	Ho Cheung-Yau						IL	John Warren				
	OL	Chan Shek-Cheung						OL	David Todd				
SUBSTITUTES													
									Hamilton "Hammy" McMeechan				X
Team Coach							Team Coach		Tiko Jelisavcic				
							Team Trainer						
Team Manager							Team Manager		Jim Bayutti				
Referee		Lee Ken-Chie (Hong Kong)											
Linesman													
Linesman													

Wallis and Peter McLaren were English policemen stationed in Hong Kong.

match report from 1966 Soccer World Annual, page 66.

Luck completely deserted Australia in the first of their three Hong Kong matches, counting for the international tournament.

They lost undeservedly against the weakest of their Hong Kong opponents in a game of wasted chances.

Australia had 75 per cent. of the play but it was Hong Kong who scored from one of their rare breakaways in the 22nd minute through one of the two English players in their team.

Australia had 38 attempts at goal, Hong Kong only five.

Highlight of the match was the magnificent display of the Australian wingers, Todd and Pearson, who played like men inspired.

Unfortunately Australia's inside-trio was out of touch in front of goal, Watkiss in particular missing wide open goals in the second half when he was switched from left half to centre-forward.

In this match the Australian defence found its feet and was impeccable, laying the foundation for the superb displays which were to follow.

Hong Kong: Mui Wing Tat; Lok Tak Hing, Lai Po Chung; Lee Ping Chung, Kung Wah Kit, Leung Kam Yung; Lee Kwo Keung, Wallis, McLaren, Ho Cheung Yau, Chan Shek Cheung.

Australia: Rorke; Shepherd, Cook; Hughes, Rice, Watkiss; Pearson, Anderson, Johnston (McMeechan), Warren, Todd.

Scorer: McLaren 22 min for Hong Kong.

Referee: Lee Ken Chie (Hong Kong).

Crowd: 8,780 at Government Stadium, Hong Kong, 29-11-65.

AIK Fotboll, more commonly known simply as AIK (which is an acronym for Allmänna Idrottsklubben) is a Swedish football club from Stockholm.
The club was formed in 1891 and the football department was formed in 1896.

Scandinavian Airlines System Cup													
Date & Time			Venue				Weather			Temperature		Attendance	
30th. November 1965,			Government Stadium, Hong Kong									6000	
AIK Solna (Sweden)..2 v. Australia..1													
half time, AIK Solna..1 v. Australia..0													
No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Retired Injured	Sent Off	Time of substitution	No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Retired Injured	Sent Off	Time of substitution
START LIST													
	GK	Leif Hult						GK	John Roberts				
	RB	Lennart Söderborg						RB	Nigel Shepherd				
	LB	Tommy Stenborg						LB	Stanley "Stan" Ackerley				
	RH	Björn Evert Anlert						RH	Patrick Hughes				
	CH	Bengt Westerberg						CH	William "Billy" Cook				
	LH	Kjell Petterson						LH	John Watkiss				
	OR	Bo Holmberg						OR	Roy Blitz				
	IR	Tord Grip	37, 80(pk)					IR	John Anderson	59			
	CF	Owe Ohlsson						CF	Archibald "Archie" Blue				
	IL	Björn Carlsson						IL	Ladislav "Les" Scheinflug				
	OL	Inge Bengtsson						OL	James "Jim" Pearson				
Team Coach		Henry Carlsson					Team Coach		Tiko Jelisavcic				
Team Manager							Team Trainer						
Referee		Jimmy Turner (Hong Kong)					Team Manager		Jim Bayutti				
Linesman													
Linesman													

match report from The Sydney Morning Herald, 1/12/1965, page 26 <https://news.google.com/newspapers?nid=IL5f5cZqg8MC&dat=19651201&printsec=frontpage&hl=en>
A battling Australia Soccer team, dominating play but again shooting poorly lost 1-2 to A.I.K. of Stockholm in Hong Kong Stadium to night.
The winning goal came 11 minutes from the end from a hotly disputed penalty.
A.I.K. inside-left Bjorn Carlsson raced through and fell as he clashed with Australian goalkeeper Johnny Roberts.
The referee ruled Roberts had tripped Carlsson, though the Australian defence claimed the Swede had fallen over when off balance.
A.I.K. inside-right Tord Grip scored with his spot kick.
The Australians took command of the game from the start but, as in their 0-1 defeat by Hong Kong, last night, markmanship was poor.
In the 12th minute Australia went close as three forwards had shots blocked before Watkiss ballooned the ball wide.
In the 59th minute Anderson scored for Australia with a header from a right-wing cross.
The teams were:-
Australia: Rorke; Shepherd, Ackerley; Hughes, Cook, Watkiss; Blitz, Anderson, Blue, Scheinflug, Pearson.
A.I.K.: Hult; Soderberg, Stenborg; Anlert, Westerberg, Petterson; Holmberg, Grip, Ohlsson, Carlsson, Bengtsson.

match report from 1966 Soccer World Annual, page 66 and 68.
Against the Swedes from Stockholm's AIK club, Australia played their best football of the tour.
They were horridly unlucky to lose because they outclassed their European opponents in almost every department.
It took a harsh penalty 10 minutes before fulltime to give the Swedes a totally undeserved victory.
The win gave AIK first place in the Hong Kong international triangular tournament because they had beaten Hong Kong 5-2 a few days earlier.
The Australian forwards played much better and only bad luck rather than indecision in front of goal cost them the match.
We hit the woodwork three times and the Swedes had countless lucky escapes when a goalseemed imminent.
The whole Australian team rose to great heights in a match which reached European standard in skill, technique and constructive inter-passing.
Hong Kong experts rated this match the best seen in the Crown Colony for some years.
AIK-Stockholm: Hult; Soderberg, Stenborg; Anlert, Westerberg, Petterson, Holmberg, Grip, Ohlsson, Carlsson, Bengtsson. Coach: Carlsson.
Australia: Roberts; Shepherd, Ackerley; Hughes, Cook, Watkiss; Blitz, Anderson, Blue, Scheinflug, Pearson.
Scorers: Grip 37 min. and Anlert 70 min. for AIK; Anderson 59 min for Australia.
Referee: Jimmy Turner (Hong Kong).
Crowd: 6,600 at Government Stadium, Hong Kong, 30-11-65.

Date & Time			Venue				Weather			Temperature		Attendance	
3rd. December 1965,			Government Stadium, Hong Kong									13800	
Hong Kong F.A.XI..1 v. Australia..3													
half time, Hong Kong F.A.XI..0 v. Australia..2													
No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Retired Injured	Sent Off	Time of substitution	No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Retired Injured	Sent Off	Time of substitution
START LIST													
	GK	Cheung Kin-Sze				10		GK	William "Bill" Rorke				
	RB	Law Pak						RB	Nigel Shepherd				
	LB	Kwok Kam-Hung						LB	Stanley "Stan" Ackerley				
	RH	Chan Fai-Hung						RH	Patrick Hughes				
	CH	Tsek Kwok-Keung						CH	William "Billy" Cook			68	
	LH	Wong Man-Wai						LH	John Watkiss				
	OR	Wong Chi-Keung						OR	Roy Blitz				
	IR	Cheung Chi-Doy						IR	James "Jim" Pearson				
	CF	Cheung Chi-Wai	50(pk)					CF	Archibald "Archie" Blue	5, 7, 58			
	IL	Yiu Cheuk-Yin						IL	John Warren				X
	OL	Mok Chun-Wah						OL	David Todd				
SUBSTITUTES													
	GK	Kwok Tak-Sin				10			Steven Herczeg				X
Team Coach		Lai Chiu-Wing					Team Coach		Tiko Jelisavcic				
							Team Trainer						
Team Manager							Team Manager		Jim Bayutti				
Referee		Fred Pratlett (Hong Kong)											
Linesman													
Linesman													

The Hong Kong F.A.XI was also shown as Nationalist China (Taiwan) in some reports because most of the Hong Kong players had represented Taiwan in internationals.

At this time the national team of Taiwan consisted of two types of players - locals and Chinese.

Chinese players mostly came from Hong Kong and the Philippines with many players coming from the South China Athletic Association football club.

The use of imported players was an incentive to raise the development of Taiwan's domestic football.

However, the result of relying too much on South China players had the opposite effect, with local players not receiving sufficient training with experienced players.

(Law Pak, Kwok Kam-Hung, Chan Fai-Hung, Wong Man-Wai, Cheung Chi Doy, Cheung Chi Wai, Yiu Cheuk Yin and Mok Chun Wah were born in Hong Kong but played for Taiwan. Wong Chi-Keung was born in Canton but represented Taiwan).

match report from 1966 Soccer World Annual, page 68 and 69.

Australia's first win of the tour was achieved against one of Asia's top teams, joint-winners of the 1965 Merdeka Tournament at Kuala Lumpur.

All the top non-communist Asian nations take part in the Merdeka Games, in which Australia will probably participate in 1966, and in 1965 Nationalist China played a 1-1 draw with South Korea in the final before a crowd of 37,000.

Local Hong Kong fans expected China to whip Australia and the largest crowd of the three-game series in Hong Kong was in attendance to see the brilliant Chinese chalk up another international success.

This, however, was not to be because Australia was already two-up after seven minutes when centre-forward Archie Blue snapped up loose balls to shatter China and the 14,000 spectators alike.

Australia gave their highly rated opponents a football lesson for most of the first half.

The infrequent Chinese attacks were easily broken up by our defence whose understanding reached great heights against the nippy, tricky Chinese forwards who were unable to make any impression.

China's hopes were lifted early in the second half when referee Pratlett awarded them a ridiculous penalty, but they were short lived because five minutes later Blue completed his hat-trick.

This goal completely demoralized Nationalist China who resorted to sly methods to stem the increasing tide of Australian attacks.

They used every illegal tactic in the book and when the exasperated Australians retaliated the crowd went mad and literally demanded the expulsion of Aussie stopper Billy Cook.

Playing one man short, Australia were still in command and could have added to the score in the last 10 minutes.

At the end of the match large sections of the crowd staged a wild riot, smashing all the windows in the stadium, overturning cars and motorcycles and it took 70 riot squad policemen to quell the 45-minute fracas.

The Australians, who were unharmed, had to be driven back to their hotel in a Black Maria escorted by jeeploads of police.

Nationalist China: Cheung Kin Sze (Kwok Tak Sin); Law Pak, Kwok Kam Hung; Chan Fai Hung, Tsek Wok Keung, Wong Man Wai; Wong Chi Keung, Cheung Chi Doy, Cheung Chi Wai, Yiu Cheuk Yin, Mok Chun Wah.

Coach: Lai Chiu Wing.

Australia: Rorke; Shepherd, Ackerley; Hughes, Cook, Watkiss; Blitz, Pearson, Blue, Warren (Herczeg), Todd.

Scorers: Blue 5, 7 & 56 mins. for Australia; Cheung Chi Wai 51 min. for Hong Kong.

referee: Fred Pratlett (Hong Kong).

Crowd: 14,000 at Government Stadium, Hong Kong, 3-12-65.

Date & Time			Venue				Weather			Temperature		Attendance	
7th. December 1965,			Perak Stadium, Ipoh, Malaysia									1250	
Malaysia..0 v. Australia..1													
half time, Malaysia..0 v. Australia..1													
No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Retired Injured	Sent Off	Time of substitution	No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Retired Injured	Sent Off	Time of substitution
START LIST													
	GK	Teh Cheung Lee						GK	William "Bill" Rorke				
	RB	Yee Seng Choi				X		RB	Nigel Shepherd				
	LB	Foo Fook Chaun						LB	Stanley "Stan" Ackerley				
	RH	Soo Toh Kim Poh						RH	Patrick Hughes				
	CH	Mohamed Chandran				X*		CH	William "Billy" Cook				
	LH	Ibrahim Mydin						LH	John Watkiss				
	OR	Balan						OR	Roy Blitz				X
	IR	Richard Choe						IR	John Anderson				X*
	CF	Latiff Ibrahim						CF	Archibald "Archie" Blue				
	IL	N.Thanabalan						IL	James "Jim" Pearson	17			
	OL	Mazlan Hamid						OL	David Todd				
SUBSTITUTES													
		Abdullah Noordin				X			Hamilton "Hammy" McMeechan				X
		Hoo Woon Hung				X*			Ron Giles				X*
Team Coach		Otto Westpfal					Team Coach		Tiko Jelisavcic				
Team Manager							Team Trainer						
Referee		Boswell (Malaysia)					Team Manager		Jim Bayutti				
Linesman													
Linesman													

match report from 1966 Soccer World Annual, page 69 and 70.

Australia had a much easier win than the score indicates on the rain soaked pitch of Ipoh's Perak Stadium.

Against a clever, but tactically immature Malaysian side which had trained six weeks for this match, the Australians' sound defence always had the game in hand.

The halfback-line of Hughes, Cook and Watkiss reigned supreme in the midfield and fullbacks Shepherd and Ackerley set up an impregnable fortress in front of Rorke's goal.

The Australian forward-line muffed many chances but it was poetic justice that the match-winning goal was scored by Jimmy Pearson, the best forward on the field.

This was a match Australia never looked like losing but we should have won by five goals because Malaysia were not in the same class.

Despite the win, this was not one of the Australians' better matches but the Malaysians, who were only interested in defending, must bear the blame for much of the scrappy play.

Malaysia: The Cheng Lee; Yee Seng Choy (Abdullah Noordin), Foo Fook Chaun; Soo Toh Kim Poh, Chandran (Hoo Woon Hung), Ibrahim Mydin; Balan, Richard Choe, Latiff Ibrahim, Thanabalan, Mazlan Hamid.

Coach: Otto Westpfal.

Australia: Rorke; Shepherd, Ackerley; Hughes, Cook, Watkiss; Blitz (McMeechan), Anderson (Giles), Blue, Pearson, Todd.

Scorer: Pearson 17 min. for Australia.

Referee: Boswell (Malaysia).

Crowd: 1,250 at Perak Stadium, Ipoh, 7-12-65.

Date & Time			Venue				Weather			Temperature		Attendance	
8th. December 1965,			Perak Stadium, Ipoh, Malaysia									300	
Malaysia..0 v. Australia..3													
half time, Malaysia..0 v. Australia..0													
No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Retired Injured	Sent Off	Time of substitution	No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Retired Injured	Sent Off	Time of substitution
START LIST													
	GK	Teh Cheung Lee						GK	William "Bill" Rorke				
	RB	Soo Toh Kim Poh						RB	Nigel Shepherd				
	LB	Foo Fook Chaun						LB	Stanley "Stan" Ackerley				
	RH	Abdullah Noordin						RH	John Watkiss				
	CH	Richard Choe						CH	William "Billy" Cook				
	LH	Agus Salim				X		LH	Ladislav "Les" Scheinflug	84(pk)			
	OR	Teoh Peng Cooi						OR	Hamilton "Hammy" McMeechan				
	IR	Mazlan Hamid				X*		IR	John Warren				
	CF	Ibrahim Mydin						CF	Archibald "Archie" Blue				X
	IL	N.Thanabalan				X**		IL	James "Jim" Pearson				
	OL	Latiff Ibrahim						OL	David Todd	54			
SUBSTITUTES													
		Yee Seng Choi				X			Ian Johnston	65			X
		Ho Woon Hung				X*							
		Tanagor				X**							
Team Coach							Team Coach		Tiko Jelisavcic				
							Team Trainer						
Team Manager							Team Manager		Jim Bayutti				
Referee													
Linesman													
Linesman													

match report from 1966 Soccer World Annual, page 70.

The Australians put into practice all they had learnt during the tour to whitewash Malaysia in their hastily arranged return clash also at the Perak Stadium. Ipoh.

Malaysia, knowing they could not match Australia, played a purely defensive game once again and succeeded to stay in the match until the 54th minute when Todd opened the score.

Ian Johnston, the young Queenslander who replaced Blue at halftime, made it 2-0 eleven minutes later and Scheinflug converted a penalty six minutes before the end to give Australia its biggest win of the tour.

Because it had rained heavily the whole day only 300 spectators turned up at the open-air stadium but those who stayed away missed a classy, professional display from the Australians who held all the aces.

Although we could have scored many more goals the whole team played very well, the defence and attack combining to perfection in a series of dazzling moves which completely bewildered the Malaysians who made three changes, but to no avail.

The Malaysians' West German coach, Otto Westpfal, said after the match that Australia was possibly the best foreign team ever to play in Malaysia.

Malaysia: Teh Cheng Lee; Soo Toh Kim Poh, Foo Fook Chuan; Abdullah Noordin, Richard Choe, Agus Salim (Yee Seng Choy); Teoh Peng Chooi, Mazlan Hamid (Ho Woon Hung), Ibrahim Mydin, Thanabalan (Tanagor), Latiff Ibrahim.

Coach: Otto Westpfal.

Australia: Rorke; Shepherd, Ackerley; Watkiss, Cook, Scheinflug; McMeechan, Warren, Blue (Johnston), Pearson, Todd.

Scorers: Todd 54 min, Johnston 65 min, Scheinflug 47 min for Australia.

Referee: Oei Puh Hwa (Malaysia).

Crowd: 300 at Perak Stadium, Ipoh, 8-12-65.

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Associazione Sportiva Roma, commonly referred to as Roma, is an Italian professional football club based in Rome. Founded by a merger in 1927, Roma have participated in the top-tier of Italian football for all of their existence except for 1951–52.

A.S. Roma was founded in the summer of 1927 when Italo Foschi initiated the merger of three older Italian Football Championship clubs from the city of Rome: Roman FC, SS Alba-Audace and Fortitudo-Pro Roma SGS. The purpose of the merger was to give the Italian capital a strong club to rival that of the more dominant Northern Italian clubs of the time. The only major Roman club to resist the merger was Lazio because of the intervention of the army General Vaccaro, a member of the club and executive of Italian Football Federation. All three founding clubs were relegated, but the fascist-aligned FIGC (Federazione Italiana Giuoco Calciobet) believed in the capacity of the new team to give a stronger representation to the capital of Italy, and they were awarded a wild card for the Divisione Nazionale, the Serie A forerunner. The club played its earliest seasons at the Motovelodromo Appio stadium, before settling in the working-class streets of Testaccio, where it built an all-wooden ground Campo Testaccio; this was opened in November 1929.

Roma made its first mark in the 1930–31 championship, where the club finished as runners-up behind Juventus.

After a slump in league form and the departure of key players, Roma eventually rebuilt their squad. Under the management of Luigi Barbesino, the Roman club came close to their first title in 1935–36, finishing just one point behind champions Bologna.

Roma returned to form after being inconsistent for much of the late 1930s. Roma recorded an unexpected title triumph in the 1941–42 season by winning their first ever *Scudetto* title.

In the years just after the war, Roma were unable to recapture their league stature from the early 1940s. Roma finished in the lower half of Serie A for five seasons in a row, before eventually succumbing to their only ever relegation to Serie B at the end of the 1950–51 season. Under future Italy national team manager Giuseppe Viani, promotion straight back up was achieved.

After returning to the Serie A, Roma managed to stabilise themselves as a top half club. Although Roma were unable to break into the top four during the following decade, they did achieve some measure of cup success.

Their first honour outside of Italy was recorded in 1960–61 when Roma won the Inter-Cities Fairs Cup by defeating Birmingham City 4–2 in the finals. A few years later, Roma won their first Coppa Italia trophy in 1963–64 after defeating Torino 1–0.

Their lowest point came during the 1964–65 season, when manager Juan Carlos Lorenzo announced the club could not pay its players and was unlikely to be able to afford to travel to Vicenza to fulfil its next fixture. Supporters kept the club going with a fundraiser at the Sistine Theatre and bankruptcy was avoided with the election of a new club president Franco Evangelisti.

Date & Time			Venue					Weather			Temperature		Attendance	
13th. June 1966,			Royal Agricultural Ground, Moore Park, Sydney, New South Wales (Sydney Showground)					Heavy pitch and rain					5469	
Australian XI..1 v. A.S.Roma (Italy)..1														
half time, Australian XI..0 v. A.S.Roma..0														
No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Retired Injured	Sent Off	Time of substitution	No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Retired Injured	Sent Off	Time of substitution	
START LIST														
	GK	William "Bill" Rorke						GK	Fabio Cudicini					
	RB	Trevor Edwards (c)						RB	Glauco Tomasin					
	LB	George Nuttall						LB	Mario Ardizzon					
	RH	Patrick Hughes						RH	Francesco Cappelli					
	CH	William "Billy" Rice						CH	Giacomo Losi (c)					
	LH	John Watkiss						LH	Sergio Carpanesi					
	OR	Bruce Morrow	66					OR	Lamberto Leonardi				X	
	IR	Ricardo Campana						IR	Victor Benitez					
	CF	John Giacometti						CF	Riccardo da Silva					
	IL	Danny Walsh						IL	Giuseppe Tamborini	88				
	OL	Albert "Doug" Holden						OL	Fulvio Francesconi					
SUBSTITUTES														
									Aldo Sensibile				X	
Team Coach		Joe Marston					Team Coach		Guido Masetti					
Team Manager							Team Trainer							
Referee		Roger Lamb					Team Manager							
Linesman		Vince Dobinson												
Linesman														

match report from The Sydney Morning Herald, 14/6/1966, page 16 <https://news.google.com/newspapers?nid=IL5f5cZqg8MC&dat=19660614&printsec=frontpage&hl=en>
 Italian first division Soccer team A.S.Roma scored a last-minute goal to draw 1-all with the Australian XI at the Showground yesterday.
 The match erupted midway through the second half when five angry Romans began shoving Victorian referee Roger Lamb after he had awarded the Australian XI a controversial goal. Although he was almost pushed off his feet, Lamb remained calm.
 He did not send any of the Italians from the field during the incident or later when the visitors began "hacking" at the Australians.
 The Australians held the fiercely determined Roma forwards at bay as the minutes ticked away and as tension grew around the darkened ground.
 And then in the 88th minute, Roma's elegant left-half Sergio Carpanesi drove the ball straight down the field into the river of mud leading to the Australian goal.
 The Australian right full-back and captain, Trevor Edwards, turned and pursued the ball almost to the penalty area where his goalkeeper Bill Rorke was waiting.
 Rorke called for the ball and as he slid forward to gather it he became conscious of the 18-yard line, which he was in danger of skidding beyond.
 He fumbled the ball as the boot of the doggedly charging Roma inside-left Tamborini struck him a glancing blow on the mouth, cracking his upper denture.
 Tamborini managed to bring the ball under control, feinted his way past Edwards and guided it diagonally into the corner of the net.
 The bitterly disappointed Australians scarcely had time to kick off again before referee Lamb signalled an end to the match - one minute before time.
 It was a suitable result to a game staged in rain, wind and slush.
 Bruce Morrow's goal in the 66th minute for Australia continued his habit of scoring against touring teams.
 He has never failed to get at least one goal against visiting sides in his long representative career.
 The shrewd Australian XI inside-right Ricardo Campana - very much at home in the centre-field quagmire - drove a long ball to Morrow.
 The right winger was standing unguarded on the left wing.
 He hesitated momentarily and then burst 20 yards towards the Italians' goal.
 Roma's defenders were incredulous.
 Queensland linesman Vince Dobinson was in position and he did not raise his flag to rule Morrow off-side.
 Morrow weaved in towards Roma goalkeeper Fabio Cudicini, left the 6ft 4in Italian sprawling on the turf and marched the ball into the goal.
 Referee Lamb had received no flag signal from linesman Dobinson, only a mere nod of the head verifying Morrow was on side.
 He returned to the centre circle to be man-handled and abused by the Italians.
 The goal stood.
 AUSTRALIAN XI 1 (B.Morrow) drew with AS ROMA 1 (G.Tamborini). Crowd: 5,469.

The AS Roma team had a series of challenge matches in addition to the test match. The results of those games were:-

29th.May 1966 Victoria..2 v. A.S. Roma..4 at Olympic Park, Melbourne, Kick-off 15.00, Attendance..35856
 4th.June 1966 Northern New South Wales..1 v. A.S. Roma..4 at Newcastle No.1 Sports Ground, Newcastle, Attendance..14931
 5th.June 1966 New South Wales..1 v. A.S. Roma..2 at the Royal Agricultural Ground, Moore Park, Sydney, Attendance..32106
 11th.June 1966 Queensland..0 v. A.S. Roma..6 at the Exhibition Ground, Brisbane, Attendance..7800
 19th.June 1966 Victoria..0 v. A.S. Roma..1 at Olympic Park, Melbourne, Attendance..15694
 25th.June 1966 South Australia..0 v. A.S. Roma..3 at the Olympic Sports Field, Adelaide, Kick-off 15.00, Attendance..15700
 3rd.July 1966 Western Australia..2 v. A.S. Roma..4 at Perry Lakes Stadium, Perth, Attendance..18242

Date & Time			Venue				Weather			Temperature		Attendance	
28th. May 1967,			Royal Agricultural Ground, Moore Park, Sydney, New South Wales (Sydney Showground)									34792	
Australia..0 v. Scotland XI..1													
half time, Australia..0 v. Scotland XI..1													
No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Retired Injured	Sent Off	Time of substitution	No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Retired Injured	Sent Off	Time of substitution
START LIST													
	GK	Peter Fuzes						GK	Harry Thomson				
	RB	George Nuttall						RB	Willie Callaghan				
	LB	Alan Marnoch						LB	Eddie Colquhuon				
	RH	John Watkiss						RH	Jim Townsend				
	CH	William "Billy" Cook						CH	Alan Anderson				
	LH	Patrick Hughes						LH	Doug Fraser				
	OR	John Warren						OR	William Morgan				
	IR	George "Alan" Westwater						IR	Bobby Hope				
	CF	Ron Giles				45		CF	Jim McCalliog				
	IL	Ray Baartz						IL	Alex Ferguson	31			
	OL	Archibald "Archie" Blue						OL	Harry Hood				
SUBSTITUTES													
		John Giacometti				45							
Team Coach		Jozef "Joe" Venglos					Team Coach						
							Team Trainer						
Team Manager							Team Manager		Bobby Brown				
Referee		W.Hosie											
Linesman							Squad List		Goalkeepers		James Cruickshank (Heart of Midlothian)		
Linesman											Henry Thomson (Burnley)		
									Fullbacks		William Callaghan (Dunfermline Athletic)		
											Hugh Tinney (Bury)		
											John Woodward (Arsenal)		
									Half-backs		Edmund Colquhoun (West Bromwich Albion)		
											James Townsend (Heart of Midlothian)		
											Alan Anderson (Heart of Midlothian)		
											Douglas Fraser (West Bromwich Albion)		
											John "Ian" Ure (Arsenal)		
									Forwards		James McCalliog (Sheffield Wednesday)		
											Alexander Ferguson (Dunfermline Athletic)		
											Henry Hood (Clyde)		
											John McGrory (Kilmarnock)		
											Joseph Harper (Huddersfield Town)		
											Andrew Penman (Glasgow Rangers)		
											Thomas McLean (Kilmarnock)		
											Robert Hope (West Bromwich Albion)		
											William Morgan (Burnley)		

Note:- George Westwater's full name is George Alan Westwater and is often shown as George Westwater or Alan Westwater.

match report from The Sydney Morning Herald, 29/5/1967, page 21

<https://news.google.com/newspapers?nid=IL5f5cZqg8MC&dat=19670529&printsec=frontpage&hl=en>

Scotland beat Australia 1-0 at the Showground yesterday in the first "A" international Soccer match in this country.

Defeats in Soccer by overseas teams are nothing strange for Australia but perhaps yesterday saw the first tentative step towards respectability in the sport.

The record book is cold and brutal. It holds no regard for luck, injuries or excuses.

Australia lost!

If the performances of defenders Allan Marnoch and John Watkiss, midfield men John Warren and Allan Westwater and forward Ray Baartz are indications, the tide of disrepute has begun to turn.

With outstanding youngsters such as Frank Cush, Ernie Campbell, Dennis Yaager and the like in the offing, Australia will have fashioned an extremely efficient representative team within three seasons.

The Scotland yesterday was not the Scotland which beat England last month. Of that formidable array only Jim McCalliog came to Australia and he was inconspicuous.

But the young men who wore the dark blue and white are professionals, apparently the country's rising talent, being prepared for the 1970 World Cup.

Of the Scotsmen on display only the tall, crash-tackling centre-half Alan Anderson appeared worthy of the description "international."

They scrabbled in the winning goal in the 31st minute and then adopted an entirely negative policy, defending so dourly that a portion of the crowd of 34,792 began a slow hand-clap in the second half.

Australia strove for the equalising goal with might and main in the second half and almost had it three minutes from the end.

Ray Baartz centred splendidly from far out on the left, the ball passing over the fingertips of Scotland's goalkeeper Harry Thomson.

Archie Blue charged in and shot for the open goal only to see the small Scottish full-back Willie Callaghan nudge the ball around the upright with his knee.

Australia had kicked off into the wind and Peter Fuzes, in his first game beneath the bar for his country, neatly parried an introductory blow by Bobby Hope.

Australia was using the 4-3-3 system and it was foreign to the side.

How badly Australia needed a couple of good old-fashioned wingers thrusting down the flanks to bring the ball back into the centre for the vigorous Baartz.

Staring down somewhat cynically over the scene was the "Arts and Crafts" pavilion sign. These were nouns which did not apply to the football.

The ground did not permit it for one thing. It was so hacked about that a rodeo might have been staged on the arena on the eve of the match.

A disappointed Scotland team manager, Bobby Brown, blamed the narrow pitch and poor surface for the untidy display.

Scotland had its goal when Willie Morgan, of the Beattie haircut, slipped the ball to McCalliog and his drive cannoned off the right post.

Alex Ferguson was there and touched the rebound into the left corner.

Papers drifted languidly around the track. There was little to enthuse about.

There was more applause (and litter) heaped upon a madcap kilt-clad Scotsman waving a French tricolour flag during a circuit of the ground at the interval than in all of the first half.

Australia came out to resume the battle. Ron Giles had been replaced by Johnny Giacometti and there was a new purpose in the front line.

The Scots' jarring tackles had gone unopposed in the first half. Giacometti was not so inclined to take the knocks.

In the first minute he stamped on Jim Townsend's toe in retaliation and then crashed into Alex Ferguson with such gusto that Scots flocked to him from everywhere.

Giacometti was not afraid to fire in long probing drives, but he also brought some pressure to bear with deft passing and controlled centring.

Baartz had an ally at last. He dipped in a long cross from the right wing and John Warren arrived in a flurry of dust inches too late.

Throughout it all, Australia was driven on by the strength of its captain, Pat Hughes, who came in for some particularly heavy punishment.

Australia and Scotland will meet again on Wednesday night in Adelaide and on Saturday in Melbourne.

It is to be hoped that those two cities provide a football ground worthy of international Soccer. To its shame Sydney did not.

SCOTLAND 1 (A.Ferguson) beat AUSTRALIA 0.

Crowd: 34,792.

Date & Time			Venue				Weather			Temperature		Attendance	
31st. May 1967,			Norwood Oval, Adelaide, South Australia									12500	
Australia..1 v. Scotland XI.2													
half time, Australia..1 v. Scotland XI.1													
No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Retired Injured	Sent Off	Time of substitution	No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Retired Injured	Sent Off	Time of substitution
START LIST													
	GK	William "Bill" Rorke						GK	Jim Cruickshank				
	RB	Nigel Shepherd						RB	Willie Callaghan				
	LB	Alan Marnoch						LB	Jim Townsend	25			
	RH	William "Billy" Cook						RH	Alan Anderson				
	CH	Cliff van Blerk						CH	Jack McGrory				
	LH	Patrick Hughes						LH	Doug Fraser				
	OR	John Watkiss						OR	Tom McLean				
	IR	George "Alan" Westwater						IR	Bobby Hope				
	CF	John Giacometti						CF	Jim McCalliog				
	IL	Ray Baartz	X					IL	Alex Ferguson				
	OL	Hamilton "Hammy" McMeechan		16				OL	William Morgan	X			
SUBSTITUTES													
		Archibald "Archie" Blue				16							
Team Coach		Jozef "Joe" Venglos					Team Coach						
							Team Trainer						
Team Manager							Team Manager		Bobby Brown				
Referee		D.Maitland											
Linesman													
Linesman													

match report from Soccer World, Volume 10, Number 21, 9/6/1967, page 8 by Lou Gautier

Australia's national team gained tremendously in stature at Adelaide's Norwood Oval last Wednesday week when a vastly improved, at times brilliant, Scotland had to struggle all the way to win 2-1 after being held 1-1 at halftime.

Adelaide's match was the most exciting of the three internationals.

The cool, fresh air and the enthusiasm of the small, but vocal crowd, brought out the best in both teams.

The match was played in true international atmosphere with both teams striving desperately for a win in 90 minutes of all-action soccer.

Australia, on Wednesday came close to international class for the first time.

Our defence, certainly, was world class and both Scottish goals were unstoppable.

Our attack again paled in comparison with the defence where Cook was back at his best and Shepherd was cool, reliable and determined.

Had Australia played with Scotland's classy wingers, McLean and Morgan, who gave scintillating displays, we would have won comfortably.

Australia, however, attacked more frequently than in Sydney and their attacks were mounted with more purpose and confidence.

Tackling on both sides was again hard, but the game was not nearly as rough as in Sydney thanks to the firm refereeing of Victoria's D.Maitland.

The match produced good international football.

Scotland tried to win by as many goals as they could to silence their critics, but every player had to give the very best of himself to scrape home by the odd goal.

The score was a fair indication of play as the visitors were the more skilful and fitter side.

In the final count it was only the Scots' superior stamina that gave them victory.

Our gallant part-timers faded in the last 25 minutes while the Scots were going as strong as ever.

Yet we held out . . .

Any Australian team up to only three years ago would have collapsed in the face of the pressure Scotland exerted in the dying stages, and would have conceded another three or four goals.

But not this team.

No one panicked, every player stood his ground and that wonderful defence actually prevented the Scots from having anything more than half chances - despite their big territorial midfield advantage in the last 25 minutes or so.

The entire Australian defence was first class with Hughes, Marnoch, and Watkiss, not necessarily in that order, at the top of the tree.

Blue, who came in place of the injured McMeechan, after 15 minutes, played much better than in Sydney in a role which suited him better.

Baartz scored a fine opportunist goal and confirmed his budding talent as did Westwater, a tireless worker with the heart of a lion.

Scotland had many stars: wingers Morgan and McLean, Hope, Townsend, Anderson and Callaghan, but McCalliog was again very quiet.

Finally a word about the Adelaide crowd.

Non-committal at first, they warmed to the Australians after the equaliser and roared tremendous encouragement for the rest of the game, providing real international atmosphere.

Details:

Australia: Rorke, Shepherd, Marnoch, Cook, Van Blerk, Hughes, Watkiss, Westwater, Giacometti, Baartz, McMeechan (replaced in the 15th minute by Blue).

Scotland: Cruickshank, Callaghan, Townsend, Anderson, McGory, Fraser, McLean, Hope, McCalliog, Ferguson, Morgan.

Scorers: Townsend 23 min., Morgan 63 min. for Scotland; Baartz 34 min. for Australia.

Referee: D.Maitland (Vic).

Crowd: 12,500.

Date & Time			Venue				Weather			Temperature		Attendance	
3rd. June 1967, 15.00			Olympic Park, Melbourne, Victoria									22138	
Australia..0 v. Scotland XI..2													
half time, Australia..0 v. Scotland XI..0													
No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Retired Injured	Sent Off	Time of substitution	No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Retired Injured	Sent Off	Time of substitution
START LIST													
	GK	Peter Fuzes		65				GK	Jim Cruickshank				
	RB	Nigel Shepherd						RB	Willie Callaghan				X
	LB	Alan Marnoch						LB	Jim Townsend				
	RH	William "Billy" Rice						RH	Alan Anderson				
	CH	Cliff van Blerk						CH	Jack McGrory				
	LH	Patrick Hughes						LH	Doug Fraser				X*
	OR	John Watkiss						OR	Tom McLean				
	IR	George "Alan" Westwater						IR	Bobby Hope				
	CF	Atti Abonyi						CF	Jim McCalliog				
	IL	John Warren						IL	Alex Ferguson	61, 82			
	OL	Bruce Morrow				X		OL	William Morgan				
SUBSTITUTES													
	GK	William "Bill" Rorke		65					Andrew Penman				X
		John Giacometti				X			Hugh Tinney				X*
Team Coach						Team Coach							
						Jozef "Joe" Venglos							
Team Manager						Team Trainer							
						Team Manager							
Referee						Bobby Brown							
Linesman													
Linesman													

match report from The Age, 5/6/1967, page 19

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A strong and versatile Scotland beat Australia 2-0 in an internationally recognised soccer fixture at Olympic Park on Saturday, before a crowd of 23,000.

But, although this was Scotland's most convincing win over Australia in their three-match "Test" series, play was unattractive.

Negative tactics adopted by both teams robbed the game of the thrills spectators had expected.

Scotland's striker, inside-forward Alex Ferguson, gave his side a well-deserved win in the second half with two well-taken goals, after a scoreless first half.

Ferguson's goals came in the 61st and 82nd minutes.

Australia, however, went down gallantly to the fully professional Scottish side, which was stretched in the second half when defensive play gave way to more attacking football.

Australia showed good judgment and cohesion in defence and at mid-field in keeping the Scots at bay for 61 minutes.

Although the team touring Australia was not Scotland's strongest, the players selected were all first division material - a number of them with eyes on Scotland's 1970 World Cup squad.

Scotland was prevented from showing its bold play by the Australians' close marking and hard tackling.

Eventually, Scotland's superior tactics, ability and physical strength enabled it to get on top of the tenacious, but inexperienced Australian side.

Australia, playing a 4-3-4 system, was solid in defence, but lacked the potential goal-getters needed for the successful application of the system.

The injury to 20-year-old centre-forward Ray Baartz was a great handicap to Australia's attack, which lacked dash and continuity.

Forwards Abonyi, Morrow and Warren were continuously drawn back to mid-field by the flow of play and were constantly caught out of position.

The Scottish side, playing with Jock McGrory the loose man in defence, had an easy task in keeping Australia at bay.

It was only in the second half, that Australia abandoned its defensive play and worried Scotland's rearguard, where goalkeeper Jim Cruickshank was active.

Australia's young goalkeeper Peter Fuzes was replaced late in the second half by Bill Rorke, who was injured diving at Townsend's feet to save.

In the two previous games Australia had been beaten 1-0 and 2-1 in Sydney and Adelaide respectively.

After Saturday's game the Scottish team manager, Bobby Brown, said he had been impressed by the standard of the part-time Australian team and at its efforts in the three games played within seven days.

"I was impressed at some Australian players' performances," he said. "I believe Australia will be able to match any nation in the world in a few years if it continues to improve so rapidly."

The Australian team's sole selector, Jimmy Bayutti, said Australia could be a force in world soccer if the ASF approved his programme for the next few years.

"We have tons of talent here to develop, provided we get at least \$30,000 a year to build up our team and to organise overseas tours before the world championship in Mexico City in 1970," he said.

Quoc Khánh (Vietnam National Day) Tournament - Group A													
Date & Time			Venue			Weather			Temperature		Attendance		
5th. November 1967,			Cong Hoa Stadium, Saigon, South Vietnam			Muddy					20000		
New Zealand..3 v. Australia..5													
half time, New Zealand..2 v. Australia..2													
No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Retired Injured	Sent Off	Time of substitution	No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Retired Injured	Sent Off	Time of substitution
START LIST													
	GK	Neville Siebert						GK	Roger Romanowicz				
	RB	Colin Latimour						RB	George Keith				X
	LB	Gary Lake						LB	Stanley "Stan" Ackerley				
	RH	Thomas McNab						RH	Frank Micic				45
	CH	James Ferrier				X		CH	Dick van Alphen				
	LH	Paul Rennell						LH	George "Alan" Westwater	63(og)			
	OR	Istvan "Steve" Nemet	X					OR	Billy Vojtek				
	IR	Brian Turner						IR	Atti Abonyi	51, 75, 84(pk)			
	CF	Colin Shaw	X			X*		CF	John Warren (c)	13			
	IL	Raymond Mears	X					IL	Ray Baartz	7			
	OL	John Legg						OL	Raymond "Ray" Richards				X**
SUBSTITUTES													
		Anthony Gowans				X			George Nuttall				X
		Earl Thomas				X*			Manfred Schaefer				45
									Thomas "Tommy" McColl				X**
Team Coach		Juan Schwanner					Team Coach		Joseph "Uncle Joe" Vlasits				
							Team Trainer						
Team Manager							Team Manager						
Referee													
Linesman													
Linesman													

match report from Soccer World, Volume 10, Number 43, 10/11/1967, page 8 by Martin Royal

Coach Joe Vlasits gambled well at half-time in our first match against New Zealand.

Tied at 2-2 after 45 minutes, Vlasits replaced the more delicate Micic with the robust Schaefer and at once the Australian defence steadied.

He later also replaced the slightly injured Richards with McColl on the left wing, adding greater speed to our attack.

Australia beat New Zealand much more convincingly than the final result - 5-3 - indicates.

Apart from a shaky last 25 minutes in the first half, Australia were always in command and the score flattered the Kiwis, whose three goals had an element of luck about them.

Although the shocking state of the ground made clever football impossible, this was a stirring thriller, played in true Anzac spirit, between two teams equally handicapped bt the strange surroundings.

The match kicked-off at 2.30 p.m. local time in steamy, humid conditions.

Vociferously encouraged by a small contingent of Australian servicemen, Australia went into the attack straight from the kick-off and a goal seemed imminent.

In the 8th minute, Australia were one up when Baartz brought a perfect through ball from skipper Warren under control before unleashing a powerful 15-yard drive into the Kiwis' net.

Five minutes later Abonyi and Warren combined swiftly to outsmart the flat-footed New Zealand defence.

Warren broke through, passed to Abonyi who cut the ball back after a run down the sideline for the onrushing St.George captain to majestically sweep the ball past New Zealand goalie Siebert.

Leading 2-0, the Australians appeared to wilt and lost their vital midfield grip.

Micic, the right-half, was finding the heavy going not to his liking and Westwater, an inspiration in the first 15 minutes, suddenly lost his touch.

New Zealand, after 18 minutes, were back in the game as a result of Australia's temporary midfield lapses.

Their first goal, however, was hotly disputed by the Australians who claimed that Mears' shot which hit the crossbar didn't bounce over the line.

Korean referee, Duk Yong Han, however, would not be moved, and a despondent, and slightly dispirited Australian team, found itself in bother for the first time of the match.

Sensing Australia's hesitancy, the Kiwis stormed into attack and goalie Romanowicz was called upon to make a series of spectacular saves before half-time.

There was no holding the spirited New Zealanders, however, and three minutes before the interval they were on level terms.

Their right-winger, Nemet, one of their best players, flashed a centre which Romanowicz appeared to have covered, but stopper Van Alphen wrong-footed the Adelaide 'keeper by deflecting the ball into his own net.

Australia's mid-first half slump was halted after the interval when Schaefer replaced Micic.

Schaefer proved a tower of strength, inspired renewed confidence to his shaken team-mates with some characteristically fierce tackles which revitalised the whole team.

Australia took a firm grip on the match, and it was no surprise when Abonyi scored the first of his three second half goals in the 51st minute.

The Kiwis, however, were not going to go down without a fight and they were back on level terms 12 minutes later, again through an Aussie own goal.

This time it was Westwater who deflected a half-hearted shot off his chest, obscuring Romanowicz.

With only 15 minutes remaining, Warren triggered Australia's fourth goal when he lobbed the ball over the defence for Abonyi to ram home a well placed goal.

The match was all over bar the shouting, but Australia pressed for more goals.

Number five came up in the 84th minute, Abonyi converting a penalty after Baartz was unceremoniously charged with the goal at his mercy.
In the 60th minute, New Zealand's dangerous centre-forward, Shaw, left the field injured and was replaced by Gowans while Australia substituted McColl for Richards.
Australia: Romanowicz; Keith, Ackerley; Micic (Schaefer), Van Alphen, Westwater; Vojtek, Abonyi, Warren, Baartz, Richards (McColl).
New Zealand: Seibert; Latimore, Lake; Turner, McNab, Rennell; Nemet, Mears, Shaw (Gowans), Ferrier (Thomas), Legg.
Crowd: 20,000

Whilst the Australian team was involved in the Quoc Kránh Tournament in South Vietnam there was a 'B' team competing in a three nation tournament in New Caledonia.
It was not uncommon for Under-23 teams to be called the 'B' team; for example, the Romania 'B' team (also known as the Romania Olympic team) toured in Australia in 1970.
These Australia 'B' matches in New Caledonia were frequently referred to as Australia U-23 and are covered by the compilation of Australia U-23 results.

6th November 1967, New Caledonia.. 2 v. Australia 'B'..1 at Stade Numa-Daly Magenta, Noumea, New Caledonia. Attendance..2000
8th November 1967, JS Vallée du Ti..1 v. Australia 'B'..8
10th November 1967, New Zealand..1 v. Australia 'B'..3 at Stade Numa-Daly Magenta, Noumea, New Caledonia.
?th November 1967, AS Le Nickel..1 v. Australia 'B'..2

Quoc Khánh (Vietnam National Day) Tournament - Group A													
Date & Time			Venue				Weather			Temperature		Attendance	
7th. November 1967,			Cong Hoa Stadium, Saigon, South Vietnam										
South Vietnam..0 v. Australia..1													
half time, South Vietnam..0 v. Australia..1													
No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Retired Injured	Sent Off	Time of substitution	No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Retired Injured	Sent Off	Time of substitution
START LIST													
	GK	Lam Hong Cham						GK	Roger Romanowicz				
	RB							RB	George Keith				
	LB	Nguyen Van Ngon						LB	Stanley "Stan" Ackerley				
	RH							RH	Manfred Schaefer				
	CH							CH	Dick van Alphen				
	LH							LH	George "Alan" Westwater				
	OR							OR	Billy Vojtek				X
	IR							IR	Atti Abonyi				
	CF							CF	John Warren (c)	35			
	IL							IL	Ray Baartz				
	OL							OL	Thomas "Tommy" McColl				
SUBSTITUTES													
									Raymond "Ray" Richards				X
Team Coach							Team Coach		Joseph "Uncle Joe" Vlasits				
Team Manager							Team Trainer						
Referee		N.F.Nice (Malaysia)					Team Manager						
Linesman													
Linesman													

The South Vietnamese squad was; Nguyen Van Chieu, Le Van Dirc, Nguyen Van Long, Duong Van Tha, Quang Kim Phung, Lai Van Ngon, Pham Huynh Tam Lang, Ho Thanh Cang, Lam Hong Chau, Ho Thanh Chinh, Do Thoi Vinh, Nguyen Van Ngon, Truong Van Tu, Nguyen Van Mong, Nguyen Vinh Quang, Nguyen Thai Hung, Cu Sinh, Vo Ba Hung.

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Australian soccer passed its stiffest international test to date in beating South Vietnam 1-0 last night.

The Australian team had to overcome a foursome hurdle, any one of which could have proved fatal.

The match was played in absolutely stifling heat, when even to bend over to tie your shoelaces results in a flood of perspiration.

Secondly, they played in front of a loudly partisan, capacity crowd of 30,000, hungry for victory. None hungrier, it seemed, than Vietnam's vice-president, Ky, who even visited his team at halftime, demanding a better effort.

Thirdly, Australia faced a very determined, very skilful and fit team in the Vietnamese.

And fourthly, Malaysia's ace referee, N.F.Nice, wasn't very nice at all to our team.

Everything seemed in apple pie order in the first half when the comparatively fresh Aussies, using their physical advantage, dominated the game.

In the first 20 minutes, both Baartz and Abonyi had narrow misses which would have wrapped up the game.

Finally, in the 35th minute, a well-deserved break came our way as Warren swooped on a loose ball and slammed it home from 15 yards.

One minute later, it was almost 2-0; Westwater beat two men, lobbed the ball to Abonyi, but his header was miraculously tipped over the bar by goalie Lam Hon Cham.

That, one should say, was that.

From there on, especially in the second half, the Australians were on the defensive.

The abnormal night heat, when nothing in the air stirs, gradually began to tell on the wilting Australians, and served as a come-on to the effervescent and apparently inexhaustible, nippy Vietnamese.

However, the Australian defence stood its ground admirably.

Westwater, in his typical terrier fashion, ran himself to a standstill, while the powerful Schaefer used his tremendous strength to break up countless attacks.

Possibly the best man of the team was skipper John Warren, who played a marvellous game and, in the critical second half, very much in the style of his Sydney Grand Final effort, held his faltering team together.

After the sparkling display against New Zealand, the form of the Australian forwards was somewhat disappointing.

Baartz and Abonyi were often outpaced and outwitted, Vojtek was most ineffective while McColl failed to stick to his line on the left wing.

In the 80th minute, coach Vlasits replaced him with Richards, but this move was too late to change the defensive pattern of the team.

When the final whistle sounded, a totally exhausted, but deliriously happy Australian XI walked off the field knowing that they have already done more than their duty.

How we lined up: Romanowicz; Keith, Ackerley; Schaefer, Van Alphen, Westwater; Vojtek, Abonyi, Warren, Baartz, McColl (Richards).

Quoc Khanh (Vietnam National Day) Tournament - Group A													
Date & Time			Venue				Weather			Temperature		Attendance	
11th. November 1967,			Cong Hoa Stadium, Saigon, South Vietnam									10000	
Singapore..1 v. Australia..5													
half time, Singapore..0 v. Australia..4													
No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Retired Injured	Sent Off	Time of substitution	No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Retired Injured	Sent Off	Time of substitution
START LIST													
	GK						GK	Ron Corry					
	RB						RB	George Keith					X
	LB						LB	Stanley "Stan" Ackerley					
	RH						RH	Manfred Schaefer					X*
	CH						CH	Dick van Alphen					
	LH						LH	George "Alan" Westwater	19				
	OR						OR	Raymond "Ray" Richards					
	IR						IR	Atti Abonyi	27, 36, 39				
	CF						CF	John Warren (c)					
	IL	Andy Yeo	X(pk)				IL	Ray Baartz	53				
	OL						OL	Billy Vojtek					
SUBSTITUTES													
								Gary Wilkins					X
								Frank Micic					X*
Team Coach							Team Coach		Joseph "Uncle Joe" Vlasits				
Team Manager		Joe David					Team Trainer						
Referee							Team Manager						
Linesman													
Linesman													

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A free-wheeling Australia played at half-pace against Singapore last Saturday, yet scored an effortless 5-1 victory.

Leading 4-0 at halftime, the Australians were instructed by coach Vlasits to take things easy to conserve their strength for next day's tough semifinal against Malaysia.

Though plat was pretty even after the interval, both teams scoring once, Australia never lost their grip on the game and ran out very comfortable winners.

The match was a useful workout for Sunday's semi-final and allowed Vlasits to bring in Wilkins and Lloyd for the first time.

Wilkins replaced Keith at fullback and Lloyd substituted for Westwater in the second half.

The Newcastle left-half made a fine impression in his first international and passed his baptism of fire with flying colours.

Playing in the unusual position of centre-half, rock-like Manfred Schaefer held the Australian defence together throughout, so well in fact, that our midfield mastery allowed fullback Ackerley to venture up into attack at will.

Ackerley revelled in the freedom allowed him and laid on many crosses and long passes to his forwards.

From one of these, Baartz nearly scored in the 5th minute, but the Hakoah forward's hard shot was deflected by the agile Singapore goalie.

Westwater opened the score in the 19th minute after a typical solo forceful burst.

In the 27th minute, Abonyi started the goal-scoring spree which was to pave the way for Australia's run-away win.

Showing wonderful anticipation and ball control on the soggy, slippery pitch, the Melbourne Hungaria match-winner scored another two beautifully taken goals in the 36th and 39th minutes to complete another hat-trick.

His first goal was a breathtaking solo effort, his second, a header from a cross by right-winger Richards and his third a delicately placed lob.

Although coasting, Australia made it 5-0 in the 53rd minute through Baartz.

Playing well within themselves, the Australians then allowed Singapore to come into the game and goalie Ron Corry was tested for the first time.

Corry covered himself with glory by saving a penalty which clinched his place for the semi-final and the final.

Singapore scored a consolation goal in the 73rd minute when their nippy inside-left, Andy Yeo, broke out of a couple of half-hearted tackles to net unopposed.

Baartz was our best forward with Abonyi, but Richards was a bit slow and Vojtek, whose approach work was brilliant, shot poorly.

Details:

Australia: Corry; Keith (Wilkins), Ackerley; Micic, Schaefer, Westwater (Lloyd); Richards, Abonyi, Warren, Baartz, Vojtek.

Scorers: Westwater 19 min., Abonyi 27, 36 and 39 mins., Baartz 53 min. for Australia. Yeo 73 min., for Singapore.

Quoc Khánh (Vietnam National Day) Tournament - Semi-final													
Date & Time			Venue				Weather			Temperature		Attendance	
12th. November 1967,			Cong Hoa Stadium, Saigon, South Vietnam									30000	
Malaysia..0 v. Australia..1 after extra time													
half time, Malaysia..0 v. Australia..0													
No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Retired Injured	Sent Off	Time of substitution	No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Retired Injured	Sent Off	Time of substitution
START LIST													
	GK	Lee Soo Pang						GK	Ron Corry				
	RB							RB	George Keith				
	LB							LB	Stanley "Stan" Ackerley				
	RH							RH	Manfred Schaefer				
	CH							CH	Dick van Alphen				
	LH							LH	George "Alan" Westwater				
	OR							OR	Thomas "Tommy" McColl				
	IR							IR	Atti Abonyi				
	CF							CF	John Warren (c)				
	IL							IL	Ray Baartz	101			
	OL							OL	Billy Vojtek				
Team Coach		E.C.Dutton					Team Coach		Joseph "Uncle Joe" Vlasits				
Team Manager		Teoh Chye Hin					Team Trainer						
Referee							Team Manager						
Linesman													
Linesman													

The Malaysian squad was; Abdullah Noordin, Yap Eng Kok, Sardar Khan, Sinnakaruppan, S.Abdullah, Zulkifli, Chow Kwai Lam, Foo Fook Chuan, J.Vincent, Lim Kim Lian, Ho Voon Hung, M.Chandran, Agus Salim, Lee Soo Phang, Au Yoon, N.Thanabalan, Ibrahim Mydin.

match report from The Straits Times, 13/11/1967, page 22

Australia beat Malaysia today by a goal scored in extra time to qualify to meet South Korea on Tuesday in the final of the South Vietnam Republic Say soccer tournament here.

The South Koreans beat the host country 3-0 in the other semi-final. Both matches today were marred by displays of bad tempers.

A goal by Ray Baartz during extra time ended 101 minutes of frustration for Australia who outplayed Malaysia for long periods.

The match ended with Vietnamese soldiers ranged around the pitch to prevent trouble. Earlier they had run on to the field to help the referee separate the teams as a riot threatened to develop.

It had been a bad tempered match throughout and the trouble came to a head in the last moments when a Malaysian player knocked Australian winger Billy Vojtek down and his team-mates retaliated.

Australia were on top throughout and only desperate defence and superb goalkeeping by Lee Soo Pang had kept them away until extra time.

The Malaysians packed their defence and left only one forward in an attacking position for most of the game.

They were apparently content to play for a draw and hoped for luck in a toss of the coin which would then have been used to split the deadlock. They came desperately close to succeeding.

In the other match, play was also rough and Malaysian referee Patrick Nice had to send off a Vietnamese player in the closing minutes.

Rain which delayed the start already sodden pitch into marsh.

Excitement ran high as players clashed with fists and feet. A loudspeaker announcement urged spectators not to throw stones at the South Korean players.

The Koreans went ahead after 13 minutes when centre-forward Lee Hai Taik netted. Two minutes later outside-left Chung Byung Tak made it 2-0.

One minute after half-time inside-left Huh Yoon Jung put the visitors three-up.

match report from Soccer World, Volume 10, Number 44, 17/11/1967, page 8 by Martin Royal

A bus-load of happy perspiring Australians madly singing Waltzing Matilda - that was us last night on our way to our hotel from the stadium.

For our team, after 110 minutes of hair-raising excitement, in front of another capacity crowd of 30,000, scored a 1-0 win over Malaysia in the semifinal to make our successes four in a row.

As it so often happens in football, the match everybody regarded as a cakewalk nearly turned sour.

Malaysia, quoted at prohibitive odds, put up fantastically stiff resistance and it took all the might and will of Australia to finally subdue them.

The evening started off ominously with a torrential downpour, just before the kick-off of the South Vietnam v. South Korea semi-final.

The ground was one shiny big pool of water and in Sydney any self-respecting groundsman wouldn't have allowed a perfunctory inspection of the surface, let alone the match to be staged.

As it turned out, the first game was more like a combination of waterpolo and water-skiing at which the stronger Koreans proved more apt, scoring a 3-0 win.

When our match against Malaysia started, the rain had stopped but the ground was one big quagmire.

The first minute brought instant sensation; McColl was brought down by a heavy and late tackle inside the box and Abonyi took the spot kick.

Trying tp place the already heavy, sodden ball too delicately, Otie's weak kick died off in the clutches of the diving goalie - and our hearts missed a beat.

No matter - our boys must have thought - as they took the Malaysian goal under heavy barrage.

Still, somehow, the ball wouldn't go in.

In the 14th minute Warren met a cross in mid-air but his header hit the post.

In the 24th minute Baartz missed by inches with a hard drive and in the 30th minute Abonyi's shot smacked against the crossbar.
After the interval the siege continued but, it seemed, all the Malaysian gods were clearly against us.
Malaysia defended with up to nine men, obviously playing for a 0-0 draw and hoping that luck would be on their side if a coin were to be tossed.
In the 66th minute Australia almost breached the wall when a Westwater-McColl-Vojtek attack unfolded but the final shot went wide.
And so, frighteningly soon, the 90 minutes were up and the teams turned for extra time.
For some 10 minutes the same old story continued; Australia attacked, Malaysia defended and their goal seemed impregnable.
And then, finally, out of the blue, it happened.
The ebullient Westwater, dashing off on the right wing, looked up for a moment, paused and calmly placed the ball on the foot of the onrushing Baartz.
And Baartz, putting all his frustrated misery into this one solitary shot, almost tore the net out with his close drive.
The remaining nine minutes were a kind of an anticlimax; Australia were content to keep the result while Malaysia, clearly beaten, made only one or two tentative attempts to come back into the picture.
Australia's line-up: Corry; Keith, Ackerley; Schaefer, Van Alphen, Westwater; McColl, Abonyi, Warren, Baartz, Vojtek.

Quoc Khánh (Vietnam National Day) Tournament - Final													
Date & Time			Venue			Weather			Temperature		Attendance		
14th. November 1967,			Cong Hoa Stadium, Saigon, South Vietnam								30000		
Korea Republic (South Korea)..2 v. Australia..3													
half time, Korea Republic..1 v. Australia..1													
No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Retired Injured	Sent Off	Time of substitution	No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Retired Injured	Sent Off	Time of substitution
START LIST													
	GK	Oh In-Bok						GK	Ron Corry				
	RB	Kim Ho			X			RB	George Keith				X
								LB	Stanley "Stan" Ackerley				
								RH	Manfred Schaefer				
		Chung Byong-Tak						CH	Dick van Alphen				
		Bak Kwang-Jo						LH	George "Alan" Westwater				
		Huh Yoon-Chung	85					OR	Thomas "Tommy" McColl				
	IR	Lee Yong-Kun	1					IR	Atti Abonyi	84			
								CF	John Warren (c)	52			
	IL	Kim Ki-Bok						IL	Ray Baartz				
								OL	Billy Vojtek	36			
SUBSTITUTES													
									George Nuttall				X
Team Coach		I I Kad Pak					Team Coach		Joseph "Uncle Joe" Vlasits				
Team Manager							Team Trainer						
Referee							Team Manager						
Linesman													
Linesman													

The South Korean squad was; Oh In-Bok, Lee Sea-Yon, Kim Jung-Sub, Kim Ho, Cho Jung-Su, Kang Su-Kil, Bak Kwang-Jo, Kim Chung-Nam, Lee Yong-Kun, Anh Wan-Am, Hong Im-Ung, Kim Ki-Bok, Suh Yoon-Chan, Huh Yoon-Chung, Chung Byong-Tak, Choo Min-Hwan, Lee Hoi-Tair, Kim Chang I I.

Huh Yoon-Chung is also shown as Huh Yoon-Jung, Huh Yun-Jeong and Hun Yung
Lee Yong-Kun is also shown as Lee Young-Gein, See Yeung Keun, and See Young-Keun.

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Part of our national debt to Korean soccer has been wiped out in the muddy Cong Hoa Stadium where Australia last night triumphed in the Vietnam National Day Tournament.
Although our World Cup defeats at the hands of North Korea in 1965 cannot be undone, our 3-2 victory against their southern countrymen, generally regarded as one of the strongest soccer countries in free Asia, must give us belated, but fully merited prestige in this part of the world.
Australia's win was no fluke. Actually the score flattered the Koreans, who, but for the now traditional clash between the Aussie forwards and the Saigon woodwork, could easily have conceded another three goals.
The final was played in an eery atmosphere, with American artillery fire providing a nerve-wrecking backdrop to the match.
Well remembering the fiery incidents of their team's semifinal clash against the Koreans, the capacity crowd of 30,000 was clearly behind the Aussies.
Chants of "Uptoli (Australia in Vietnamese) Number One" greeted the goal by Abonyi in the 84th minute which clinched the title for Australia.
The huge silver Challenge Cup was accepted on behalf of the Australian team by skipper John Warren with tears of joy flowing down the cheeks of all Australians in the stadium.
The Koreans snubbed the presentation ceremony, because, as one of their officials explained, "they were disappointed."
As pretty Vietnamese girls hung garlands of flowers over the necks of the Australians, every player and coach Joe Vlasits - who has again proved his golden touch as he has done so often in Sydney with a team entrusted in his care - were carried shoulder-high.
Down 0-1 after one minute as a result of an unfortunate mix-up in front of Corry's goal, Australia riposted with a series of ferocious attacks.
Vojtek hit the post in the 10th minute, and after McColl missed an open goal, the pattern of the semifinal against Malaysia seemed to be repeating itself.
Australia equalised in the 26th minute when Vojtek weaved through the Korean defence and slammed the ball home from close range.
Australia were well on top until halftime, but had to wait until the 52nd minute before taking the lead.
Abonyi, after feinting two defenders, crashed in the most vital goal of the series from 18 yards.
Although Warren and Baartz were nearly in again minutes later, the Koreans also had a few chances, but either weak shooting or Corry, who is now in top form, thwarted their attempts.
In the last 25 minutes, play became heated and spiteful, culminating with the expulsion of a Korean defender for a vicious foul on Vojtek.
In the 84th minute, Van Alphen took a long freekick, Abonyi rose to meet the ball, and from six yards slipped it into the left-hand corner to make it 3-1.
One minute later, with the Aussies obviously already planning their victory celebration, Hun Yung slipped through our defence to reduce the score.
Australia, however, were never in any danger of being caught in the last five minutes and a packed defence made sure the Challenge Cup was ours.
The Australian team that won the final: Corry; Keith, Ackerley; Schaefer, Van Alphen, Westwater; McColl, Abonyi, Warren, Baartz, Vojtek.

Date & Time			Venue				Weather			Temperature		Attendance	
17th. November 1967,			Gelora Senayan Main Stadium, Jakarta, Indonesia									20000	
Indonesian Federation Selected XI..0 v. Australia..2													
half time, Indonesian Federation Selected XI..0 v. Australia..2													
No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Retired Injured	Sent Off	Time of substitution	No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Retired Injured	Sent Off	Time of substitution
START LIST													
	GK	J.Etek						GK	Roger Romanowicz				
	RB							RB	George Keith				X
	LB							LB	Stanley "Stan" Ackerley				
	RH							RH	Manfred Schaefer				
	CH							CH	Dick van Alphen				
	LH							LH	George "Alan" Westwater				
	OR							OR	Thomas "Tommy" McColl				
	IR							IR	Atti Abonyi	43			
	CF							CF	John Warren (c)				
	IL							IL	Ray Baartz	37			
	OL							OL	Billy Vojtek				70
SUBSTITUTES													
									Gary Wilkins				X
									Ted de Lyster				70
Team Coach								Team Coach		Joseph "Uncle Joe" Vlasits			
Team Manager								Team Trainer					
Referee								Team Manager					
Linesman		Tony Boskovic (Australia)											
Linesman													

Date & Time			Venue				Weather			Temperature		Attendance	
19th. November 1967,			Jakarta, Indonesia									35000	
Djakarta Select XI (Indonesia)..1 v. Australia..3													
half time, Djakarta Select XI..0 v. Australia..2													
No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Retired Injured	Sent Off	Time of substitution	No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Retired Injured	Sent Off	Time of substitution
START LIST													
	GK	Judo Hadijanto						GK	Ron Corry				
	?							RB	Gary Wilkins				
	?							LB	Stanley "Stan" Ackerley				
	?							RH	Frank Micic				
	?							CH	Manfred Schaefer				
	LH	Liem Soei Liang						LH	Ray Lloyd				
	?	Bob Matthias						OR	Billy Vojtek	1, 74			
	?	Komor	67					IR	Raymond "Ray" Richards				
	?							CF	John Warren (c)	6			
	?							IL	Ray Baartz				X
	?							OL	Ted de Lyster				
SUBSTITUTES													
									George "Alan" Westwater				X
Team Coach							Team Coach		Joseph "Uncle Joe" Vlasits				
Team Manager							Team Trainer						
Referee		Tony Boskovic (Australia)					Team Manager						
Linesman													
Linesman													

This match is also shown as Persija v. Australia.

match report from Soccer World, Volume 10, Number 45, 24/11/1967, page 8

Sunday's 3-1 win against Djakarta, which included seven Indonesian internationals, brought joy to the face of Joe Vlasits.

After the staleness evident in Friday's match against the Indonesian XI he was forced to make a difficult decision, knowing that the Djakarta team was much stronger.

Should he throw in our top team in an effort to counter the added Indonesian strength, or give the reserves a go, hoping their freshness would lift the team to greater heights?

Vlasits finally decided to play reserves Wilkins, Micic, Lloyd, Richards and De Lyster - and the gamble paid dividends!

Not only did Australia win well, but this was the most entertaining match of the tour so far.

Newcastle halfback Ray Lloyd was undoubtedly the best player on the park. His cover defence was superb, his distribution intelligent and accurate, and his sliding tackles were a feature of the game.

It was a magnificent effort from a player who had only appeared in half a match previously.

De Lyster, after a hesitant start, settled down to play like a real winger, using open spaces intelligently and cutting back exquisite passes from the side-line.

The Australians' energetic tackling contributed to a large extent to the success of Vlasits' 4-3-3 system using Vojtek, Richards and Baartz up front, Micic, Warren and De Lyster midfield and Wilkins, Schaefer, Lloyd and Ackerley as the backline of defence.

Australia won the game in the first eight minutes with goals by Vojtek and Warren.

With less than a minute gone, Vojtek caught goalie Hadijanto out of position following a header from Baartz.

In the eighth minute Warren swooped on a Micic free-kick, brought the ball down on the edge of the six-yard line and rammed in our second goal.

In the second half Australia would have been in trouble had Djakarta not missed another penalty awarded to them by referee Boskovic.

In the 32nd minute of the first half, their first penalty, given against Ackerley for handling, was brilliantly saved by Corry.

In the 62nd minute it was left-half Liem Soei Liang's turn to miss the spot-kick when his shot hit the base of the left post and was scrambled away.

There again an Australian had handled - Schaefer this time.

Djakarta, however, did manage to score finally in the 70th minute when Komor netted from Mathias' cross.

Australia clinched the game in the 78th minute when Vojtek, wandering on the left flank, picked up a pass 10 yards from the touch-line, sped goalwards, paused some 25 yards from goal, then fired a hard drive which the goalie misjudged.

The Djakarta team played well. Their players were fast and tricky, their approach work, close passing and ball control most entertaining, but their finishing weak as with most Asian teams Australia met on tour.

In the Australian team, Westwater replaced the slightly injured Baartz at halftime.

Micic was more effective on the firm ground and this graceful footballer gave a classic exhibition.

Schaefer played well at centre-half, Ackerley was industrious as ever, attacking in the perky spirit which has been a great boost to the team since the tour started.

Warren suffered a slight concussion on the leg in the first half, but played throughout and finished strongly.

Australia's line-up: Corry; Wilkins, Ackerley; Micic, Schaefer, Lloyd; Vojtek, Richards, Warren, Baartz (Westwater), De Lyster.

Crowd: 35,000.

Date & Time			Venue				Weather			Temperature		Attendance	
21st. November 1967, 20.00			Jalan Besar Stadium, Singapore									4000	
Singapore..1 v. Australia..6													
half time, Singapore..0 v. Australia..1													
No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Retired Injured	Sent Off	Time of substitution	No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Retired Injured	Sent Off	Time of substitution
START LIST													
	GK	Ahmad Wartam				X		GK	Ron Corry				
								RB	George Keith				
								LB	Stanley "Stan" Ackerley				
								RH	Frank Micic				
								CH	Manfred Schaefer				
								LH	Ray Lloyd				
								OR	Thomas "Tommy" McColl	60			
								IR	Atti Abonyi	26, 62, 82			
								CF	John Warren (c)				
								IL	George "Alan" Westwater	55			
								OL	Ted de Lyster				X
SUBSTITUTES													
	GK	Anthony Samy Ibrahim Awang	69			X 46			Billy Vojtek	59			58
Team Coach							Team Coach Joseph "Uncle Joe" Vlasits						
							Team Trainer						
Team Manager							Team Manager						
Referee													
Linesman													
Linesman													

The Singaporean squad was; Robin Chan, Kadir Suleiman, Hussein Aljunied, Au Siew Kong, Andy Yeo, Richard Chiam, Ahmad Wartam, Anthony Samy, Rahmat Mawar, Lee Teng Yee, Quah Kim Siak, Hussein Abdullah, Matthew Chin, Lim Lye Huat, Brian Richmond, Ibrahim Awang, Mohamed Ali, Majid Ariff, Quah Kim Lye, Quah Kim Swee.

match report from The Strait Times, 22/11/1967, page 20

Australia beat Singapore 6-1 in a soccer match at Jalan Besar Stadium last night. At half time Australia led 1-0 and went on to outplay Singapore with brilliant attacks in the second half.

match report from Soccer World, Volume 10, Number 45, 24/11/1967, pages 1 and 8 by Martin Royal

With a sparkling second half display, Australia last night whitewashed Singapore to the tune of 6-1 in the Jalan Besar Stadium.

It took some time for our team to settle down on the fast, Wembley-like turf, which was made greasy by evening dew.

However, Australia was soon on the offensive, largely due to an enterprising De Lyster on the left-wing but the inside-men seemed to lack fire.

John Warren looked positively tired, and I would say badly needs a spell.

Coach Joe Vlsits should really drop him for the rest of the tour, but this is most unlikely as the Aussie skipper is anxious to complete an unbroken sequence of appearances.

It was left to the powerful Ackerley - who has also played in every match to date - to start menacing the Singapore goal.

In the 12th minute he lunged forward and his searing drive was barely saved by goalie Wartam.

In the 17th minute, Warren missed a chance when his close-range header was tipped over the bar.

At this stage our attack was really malfunctioning; McColl was out of touch, Westwater was busy, but erratic, and Abonyi unusually quiet.

Still, Australia was on the attack almost non-stop and our defence had no trouble at all coping with the sporadic and tentative Singapore attacks.

Finally, in the 28th minute, our first goal arrived; De Lyster picked up a loose ball which bounced off a defender, slipped it to Abonyi who wormed round the goalie and slammed it into the open net.

Despite an almost continuous barrage on the goal, the rest of the first half remained barren.

At half-time, Singapore changed jerseys, switching from blue to white, mainly to avoid the clash of colours with the green of Australia.

The change proved luckier for us than for them.

In the 55th minute, an impatient, if not frustrated Ackerley swooped into the attack, made a great dash on the left wing and cut the ball back to Westwater to ram home the second goal from about six yards.

Three minutes later, Vojtek replaced De Lyster on the wing - and made a sensational debut.

The very first time he touched the ball was when he had to take a corner kick; the curving ball, touching the hands of replacement goalie, Samy, dropped into the corner for our third goal.

Now the Australian team was unstoppable. In the 60th minute, Abonyi flew down the left wing, crossed to McColl, who volleyed home Number four.

Playing majestic soccer, with all cylinders firing, Australia now proceeded to deliver the coup de grace.

Micic made it three goals in three minutes when, with a delicate pass from Abonyi, he streaked through and smashed in the fifth.

Singapore's consolation goal came in the 69th minute through a breakaway, just like the one they scored against us in Saigon.

This time the scorer was Ibrahim Awang, who came in after the first half as a substitute right-winger.

In the 82nd minute, Van Alphen decided to emulate the deeds of Ackerley; cruising up midfield, he chipped a soft pass on the head of onrushing Abonyi who didn't miss from close range from our sixth and final goal.

The team's performance in the second half was excellent, and no wonder Joe Vlasits left the field with a king-size smile.

The crowd jeered Singapore off the pitch, thoroughly unhappy with the humiliating defeat.

The attendance last night was announced as 4,000 - but it was much nearer the 2,000 mark!

Officials blamed the currency change for the disappointing attendance - on Sunday Singapore also devaluated its dollar.

Thursday night our opponents - the Combined Services team - does not appear to be a very frightening proposition.

Earlier this year they beat Western Australia 6-4, but in January suffered a 12-0 defeat against Sparta Prague.

On Wednesday the players will have had a day off from all soccer activities to explore the city.

And this is the best news they have had for some time, because after Saigon, Singapore is like paradise itself.

Australia's team last night: Corry; Keith, Ackerley; Micic, Van Alphen, Lloyd; McColl, Abonyi, Warren, Westwater, De Lyster (Vojtek).

Date & Time				Venue				Weather				Temperature		Attendance	
22nd. November 1967,				Singapore											
Australian Services (Singapore) XI..0 v. Australia..8															
half time,															
No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Retired Injured	Sent Off	Time of substitution	No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Retired Injured	Sent Off	Time of substitution		
START LIST															
	GK														
	RB														
	LB														
	RH														
	CH														
	LH														
	OR														
	IR														
	CF														
	IL														
	OL														
Team Coach							Team Coach		Joseph "Uncle Joe" Vlasits						
							Team Trainer								
Team Manager							Team Manager								
Referee															
Linesman															
Linesman															

Date & Time			Venue				Weather			Temperature		Attendance	
23rd. November 1967, 20.00			Jalan Besar Stadium, Singapore									1000	
Singapore Combined Services XI..1 v. Australia..8													
half time, Singapore Combined Services..0 v. Australia..3													
No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Retired Injured	Sent Off	Time of substitution	No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Retired Injured	Sent Off	Time of substitution
START LIST													
	GK							GK	Roger Romanowicz				
	RB							RB	Gary Wilkins				
	LB							LB	Stanley "Stan" Ackerley				
	RH							RH	Frank Micic				
	CH							CH	Manfred Schaefer	10			X
	LH							LH	Ray Lloyd				
	OR							OR	Billy Vojtek	35, 56			
	IR							IR	Atti Abonyi	78, 80			
	CF							CF	Raymond "Ray" Richards	49			
	IL							IL	George "Alan" Westwater	33			
	OL	Billy Tutten	X					OL	Thomas "Tommy" McColl	63			X*
SUBSTITUTES													
									Dick van Alphen				X
									Ted de Lyster				X*
Team Coach							Team Coach		Joseph "Uncle Joe" Vlasits				
							Team Trainer						
Team Manager							Team Manager						
Referee													
Linesman													
Linesman													

match report from The Straits Times, 24/11/1967, page 23

The touring Australian soccer team beat Singapore Joint Services 8-1 at Jalan Besar Stadium last night. Half-time score was 3-0.

match report from The Canberra Times, 25/11/1967, page 31 by AAP-Reuter

<https://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/article/106984506/11657977>

The Australian soccer team will fly to Kuala Lumpur today to face the final obstacle to its completing its Asian tour unbeaten.

The players had a wonderful preparation for the game when they beat British Combined Services 8-1 here last night.

It was their ninth, and easiest, win of the tour, provided the 8-0 score against Australian Services in an unscheduled picnic game is not counted.

By the time the first goal was scored - a 35-yarder by Manfred Schaefer in the 10th minute - it was obvious Australia would have no trouble.

Australia's second goal was one for the price of two.

Alan Westwater scored from an indirect free kick on the edge of the penalty area, but as he took the kick Australian referee Tony Boskovic whistled because the Services defence was standing too far up.

Boskovic had no alternative but to disallow the goal and order the kick to be taken again.

Westwater calmly slammed the ball in for the second time.

The first half scoring was ended when Billy Vojtek and Attila Abonyi combined to split the defence, and Vojtek scored from close range.

The siege of the Services goal mouth continued after the interval, and in the 13th minute Ray Richards scored with a low, 20-yard drive.

Services, whose forward line had not posed the slightest threat, replied with a barely deserved goal scored by left winger Billy Tutten after Australian Roger Romanowicz dived for, and missed, a cross pass.

But it was a reverse of no significance.

Vojtek scored his second. Tom McColl dribbled nearly half the length of the field before slamming the ball into the net, then Abonyi, who until then had had no luck, got two in quick succession.

match report from Soccer World, Volume 10, Number 46, 1/12/1967, page 5

The Combined Services team provided sub-standard opposition for the Australians who treated the game as a practice session before the last match of the tour against Malaysia.

The Services side comprised mostly of former English amateur players.

Australia led 3-0 at half-time and completed the rout with another five goals after the interval.

The Services' lone goal was the result of an elementary interception error by the ball-starved Romanowicz, who saw so little of the play that he was unable to warm up or get the feel of the ball.

Australia's scorers in the first half were Schaefer in the 10th minute from long range; Westwater in the 33rd from a direct freekick, and Vojtek in the 35th minute.

In the 49th minute Richards made it 4-0, seven minutes later Vojtek scored with a booming drive and McColl chalked up number six in the 63rd minute with the best goal of the match, his chipped shot swerving away to the goalie's left.

Abonyi, who until then had been very unlucky with his shots, delivered the coup de grace with two goals in quick succession in the 78th and 80th minutes.

How Australia lined up: Romanowicz; Wilkins, Ackerley; Micic, Van Alphen (Schaefer), Lloyd; Vojtek, Abonyi, Richards, Westwater, De Lyster (McColl).

Date & Time			Venue				Weather			Temperature		Attendance	
27th. November 1967, 20.00			Merdeka Stadium, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia				Light rain					500	
Malaysia..0 v. Australia..4													
half time, Malaysia..0 v. Australia..2													
No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Retired Injured	Sent Off	Time of substitution	No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Retired Injured	Sent Off	Time of substitution
START LIST													
	GK	Lee Soo Pang						GK	Ron Corry				
	?							RB	George Keith				
	?							LB	Stanley "Stan" Ackerley				
	?							RH	Manfred Schaefer				
	CH	Ho Voon Hung						CH	Dick van Alphen				
	?	Gunaratnam						LH	George "Alan" Westwater				
	?							OR	Thomas "Tommy" McColl	4			
	IR	N.Thanabalan						IR	Atti Abonyi	X			
	CF	Agus Salim						CF	John Warren (c)				
	?							IL	Ray Baartz				
	?							OL	Billy Vojtek	28, 47			
Team Coach							Team Coach		Joseph "Uncle Joe" Vlasits				
							Team Trainer						
Team Manager							Team Manager						
Referee													
Linesman													
Linesman													

report from The Canberra Times, 27/11/1967, page 15 by AAP-Reuter

<https://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/article/106984727/11657997>

The Australia - Malaysia soccer international was postponed at the last minute because of heavy rain here last night.

The Australian team did not know of the postponement until it arrived at the Merdeka Stadium 45 minutes before the game was scheduled to start.

The ground, though wet, was in quite good condition - certainly better than the one in Saigon where both Australia and Malaysia played in South Vietnam's National Day tournament.

match report from Soccer World, Volume 10, Number 46, 1/12/1967, page 5

Australia was off to a bright start when after four minutes Ray Baartz dashed down the left wing and hit a tremendous shot at goal.

The Malaysian goalie, Lee Soo Phang, was unable to hold the Hakoah star's hard angled drive and the oncoming McColl only had to tap the ball into the net to open Australia's account.

Australia in the next half hour lost the midfield advantage to the nippy Malaysian inside-forwards, including Tanalban, the talented inside-right who is regarded as the first choice in any Malaysian team, but who was unable to go to Saigon because of exams.

Australia experienced an uncomfortable period midway through the first half, but Van Alphen was very safe and calm - easily the best defender on the field.

Australia, against the run of play, went to a 2-0 lead in the 28th minute.

Vojtek cutting in cleverly from the left, fired a 35-yard scorcher for a truly magnificent goal.

Just before halftime, Australia regained the initiative and soon after the interval Malaysia conceded their third goal.

A hot drive by the effervescent Vojtek was deflected by centre-half Voon Huang past the Malaysian 'keeper - but the credit was all Vojtek's.

Australia, now in full control, pounded the Malaysian goal mercilessly, McColl, Abonyi, Baartz and Vojtek, all nearly aggravating the score.

With the Malaysian defence at sixes and sevens, it was left to Abonyi, our top goalgetter on the tour, to score the 38th and final goal of the tour.

The goal was a beauty! Westwater weaved his way up the centre, slipped a through pass to Ottie whose 12-yard "curler" drove round Lee Soo Phang.

Gathered in the dressing room for the last time, the Australians burst into loud singing and rejoicing, again led by the irrepressible Westwater.

How Australia lined up: Corry; Keith, Ackerley; Schaefer, Van Alphen, Westwater; McColl, Abonyi, Warren, Baartz, Vojtek.

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Date & Time			Venue				Weather			Temperature		Attendance	
30th. March 1968,			Sydney Sports Ground, Moore Park, Sydney, New South Wales									12646	
Australia..2 v. Japan..2													
half time, Australia..0 v. Japan..1													
No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Retired Injured	Sent Off	Time of substitution	No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Retired Injured	Sent Off	Time of substitution
START LIST													
	GK	Ron Corry					1	GK	Kenzo Yokoyama				
	RB	George Keith					2	RB	Hiroshi Katayama				
	LB	Stanley "Stan" Ackerley					3	LB	Yoshitada Yamaguchi				
	RH	Manfred Schaefer					4	RH	Ryozo Suzuki				28
	CH	Dick van Alphen					5	CH	Mitsuo Kamata				
	LH	Ladislav "Les" Scheinflug					10	LH	Aritatsu Ogi				
	OR	Bill Vojtek						OR	Ikuo Matsumoto				60
	IR	George "Alan" Westwater				45	7	IR	Teruki Miyamoto				
	CF	John Warren (c)		59			9	CF	Kunishige Kamamoto	18, 65			
	IL	Ray Baartz					8	IL	Shigeo Yaegashi				
	OL	Thomas "Tommy" McColl	47				11	OL	Ryuichi Sugiyama				
SUBSTITUTES													
		Archibald "Archie" Blue	84			45			Takeo Takahashi				60
		Ray Lloyd				59			Takaji Mori				28
									Hisao Kami				
Team Coach		Joseph "Uncle Joe" Vlasits					Team Coach		Shunichiro Okano				
							Team Trainer						
Team Manager							Team Manager						
Referee													
Linesman							Squad List		Goalkeepers		Kenzo Yokoyama (Mitsubishi Motors)		
Linesman											Koji Funamoto (Toyo Industries)		
									Fullbacks		Mitsuo Kamata (Furukawa Electric)		
											Hisao Kami (Yawata Steel)		
											Hiroshi Katayama (Mitsubishi Motors)		
											Masakatsu Miyamoto (Furukawa Electric)		
											Yoshitada Yamaguchi (Hitachi FC)		
									Half-backs		Teruki Miyamoto (Nippon Steel)		
											Takaji Mori (Mitsubishi Motors)		
											Aritatsu Ogi (Toyo Industries)		
											Ryuichi Sugiyama (Mitsubishi Motors)		
											Junji Kawano		
											Kiyoshi Tomizawa (Yawata Steel)		
											Takeo Takahashi (Furukawa Electric)		
									Forwards		Yasuyuki Kuwahara		
											Ikuo Matsumoto (Toyo Industries)		
											Kunishige Kamamoto (Yanmar Diesel)		
											Masashi Watanabe (Nippon Steel)		
											Shigeo Yaegashi (Furukawa Electric)		
											Ryozo Suzuki		

Note:- Takeo Takahashi was originally named Takeo Kimura but changed it when he got married, being adopted by his wife's family.
The Japanese Football Museum (info@japanfootballmuseum.com) has Hisao Kami substituting for Ryozo Suzuki, and Takaji Mori substituting for Aritatsu Ogi.
Some sources have Ray Lloyd substituting for John Warren.

match report from The Sun-Herald, 31/3/1968, page 65

<https://news.google.com/newspapers?nid=IL5f5cZqq8MC&dat=19680331&printsec=frontpage&hl=en>

Memories are short in Soccer but Australia's experiences yesterday in its 2-2 draw in the pre-season international against Japan will not go unheeded.

Hair-raising is hardly appropriate for the proximity of Australia's defeat, but the end was just six minutes away when Archie Blue breasted the ball into the net.

The teams left Sydney last night for Melbourne and the second international this afternoon - Australia grateful for the opportunity of being able to fight another day.

It is all very well being wise after the event, but there seems good cause for the Australian players' lament of "the Vietnam tournament reputation being sacrificed."

No team, regardless of its ability, and no coach, whatever his technique, can hope to produce football of international standard after a month of pre-season competition preparation.

Australia flipped off Japan's hook at the Sports Ground yesterday.

Two matches remain. Whether Australia can win or draw them against the neatly marshalled Japanese force will be known in five days' time.

Japan began as if it was still gasping in the rarified atmosphere of the heights of Mexico, from where it travelled for this international series.

So quiet and inoffensive were they that they permitted Australia to lay siege to their goal for fully a quarter of an hour.

A moment of carelessness on the part of Japanese goalkeeper Kenzo Yokoyama after just three minutes saw Allan Westwater pounce upon a misdirected ball.

He slapped a square pass to the feet of his co-striker Ray Baartz and there was no defender in sight as Baartz veered in from the left toward goalkeeper Yokoyama.

The goal was at his mercy yet he stroked the ball wide of the right post.

It was gross negligence for such an accomplished forward.

Again Baartz was wide, to the left, as his blast from an indirect free kick inside the penalty area slashed through the blue and white shell of Japanese defenders.

Australia was shining and, as so frequently happens, it was the other team which scored.

An indiscreet tackle by full-back George Keith saw the ball chipped from the by-line on the left and Japanese centre-forward Kunishige Kamamoto rose to head the ball into the ground at his feet.

The ball bounced high, barely brushed the fingertips of the leaping Australian goalkeeper Ron Corry and slid home under the bar.

Australia's captain John Warren was patrolling vigorously and intelligently in mid-field, finding time to fire the occasional rocket goalwards.

It was a severe loss to his team when he turned over his right ankle and had to be assisted off the field early in the second half.

Westwater had not been able to adapt his game to the striker's role and at the interval national coach Joe Vlasits ordered Archie Blue into the position.

From the kick-off, Blue surged towards the left wing, carrying the ball 40 yards before delivering it to his flankman Billy Vojtek.

Over came the centre, the ball rebounded and suddenly the industrious Tommy McColl was there inside the penalty area to glance a drive off the right post into the net.

But Japan was the team. Australia was segmented.

Centre-forward Kamamoto roamed ominously and left-winger Ryuichi Sugiyama had left Australian defenders pawing the ground helplessly with his blazing speed and deception of foot.

Kamamoto, with a sway of the hip and a wiggle, was off down the right wing in a 50-yard sprint, his arch rival Dick van Alphen trailing inside.

The Australian centre-half forced him almost to the goal-line, making the angle almost impossible for shooting - but a goal it was!

Goalkeeper Corry, instead of placing himself at the post, left a slit and the centre-forward smashed the ball through the opening while Corry slumped back in despair.

Australia seemed at the point of no return.

Japan's right back Hiroshi Katayama tackled Vojtek into despair and headed away a certain goal by Baartz.

Pleasingly, it was Vojtek who cast aside all doubts and savagely broke three tackles before transferring to Blue.

Blue lofted a cross to replacement winger Roy Bitz, wandering free on the left, and was at the goal to charge it in as Blitz returned the compliment.

AUSTRALIA 2 (T.McColl, A.Blue) drew JAPAN 2 (K.Kamamoto 2). Crowd: 12,646.

Date & Time			Venue				Weather			Temperature		Attendance	
31st. March 1968,			Olympic Park, Melbourne, Victoria									9974	
Australia..3 v. Japan..1													
half time, Australia..2 v. Japan..1													
No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Retired Injured	Sent Off	Time of substitution	No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Retired Injured	Sent Off	Time of substitution
START LIST													
	GK	Ron Corry						GK	Koji Funamoto				
	RB	George Keith						RB	Yoshitada Yamaguchi				
	LB	Stanley "Stan" Ackerley						LB	Masakatsu Miyamoto				
	RH	George "Alan" Westwater						RH	Hisao Kami				
	CH	Manfred Schaefer						CH	Junji Kawano				
	LH	Archibald "Archie" Blue						LH	Kiyoshi Tomizawa				60
	OR	Bill Vojtek	42			70		OR	Takeo Takahashi				
	IR	Ray Baartz	89					IR	Takaji Mori				
	CF	Ladislav "Les" Scheinflug	33			87		CF	Kunishige Kamamoto				
	IL	Thomas "Tommy" McColl						IL	Yasuyuki Kuwahara	31			75
	OL	Roy Blitz						OL	Masashi Watanabe				46
SUBSTITUTES													
		Hamilton "Hammy" McMeechan				X*			Ryuichi Sugiyama				46
		Ray Lloyd				X			Shigeo Yaegashi				60
									Teruki Miyamoto				75
Team Coach		Joseph "Uncle Joe" Vlasits					Team Coach		Shunichiro Okano				
Team Manager		John Barclay					Team Trainer						
Referee							Team Manager		Naganuma Takeshi				
Linesman													
Linesman													

The Japanese Football Museum (info@japanfootballmuseum.com) has Kenzo Yokoyama playing in place of Koji Funamoto.

match report from The Age, 1/4/1968, page 20

<https://news.google.com/newspapers?nid=MDQ-9Oe3GGUC&dat=19680401&printsec=frontpage&hl=en>

Australia confirmed itself as a major soccer power in the Asian zone when it defeated Japan 3-1 in the second game of a three-match test series at Olympic Park yesterday.

On Saturday, Australia 2-2 with Japan at the Sydney Sports Ground. However, the Japanese can draw the series if they win the third game in Adelaide on Thursday night.

Yesterday's game was hard fought throughout, and the standard produced was reasonably high considering the condition of the travel-weary Japanese, who arrived in Australia on Saturday morning from Mexico.

Australia's hopes seemed dashed yesterday morning when Dick van Alphen, Alan Marnoch and John Warren were declared unfit to play.

However, wing-half Manfred Schaefer played magnificently at centre-half, and was well backed by Les Scheinflug and Alan Westwater in the reshuffled side.

Play was more even than the result indicates, and the classy Japanese side was not disgraced by its performance.

Australia won because of its better physical condition, and its more vigorous tackles in midfield.

Japan's striker, Kinishige Kamamoto, started in brilliant fashion, opening up play on the wings, but the Australians put a double guard on him to neutralise his devastating moves.

Japan started confidently, and inside left Yasuyuki Kuwahara scored a copybook goal after 31 minutes when he lobbed the ball into the net from a sharp angle.

Australia reacted promptly and equalised two minutes later through Scheinflug, who headed the ball in from an accurate corner kick.

Play livened up as Australia accepted the challenge and came out attacking, with Scheinflug and Westwater putting through long passes to nimble footed forward Billy Vojtek.

The burst paid dividends. In the 42nd minute Australia went ahead with a well placed shot by Vojtek, who collected the ball after it had rebounded off a defender.

In the second half star Japanese winger Ryuichi Sugiyama replaced Watanabe and started several dangerous moves with Kamamoto, on the left wing.

Japan was having most of the play and was showing better team work than the Australians, but the Australian defence held strongly.

Japan's linkman, Takaji Mori, constantly forced the ball through the forwards, and often tried shots at goal. In the 60th minute his drive finished inches over the cross bar.

Japan went close to notching the equaliser in the 65th minute when Sugiyama dribbled past three defenders and square passed to Kamamoto, who was anticipated as he was about to run home from close range.

Australia sealed the score against the run of play in the last minute when Ray Baartz headed home an accurate corner kick by McMeechan.

In another thrilling performance in Sydney on Saturday, Australia looked lucky to snatch a 2-2 draw with the crafty Japanese side.

Archie Blue, who had replaced Westwater, scored with only six minutes to go after combining with Vojtek.

AUSTRALIA 3 (Scheinflug, Vojtek, Baartz) defeated JAPAN 1 (Kuwahara).

BEST PLAYERS - AUSTRALIA: Schaefer, Scheinflug, Westwater. JAPAN: Kawano, Mori, Kamamoto.

Date & Time			Venue				Weather			Temperature		Attendance	
4th. April 1968, 20.00			Norwood Oval, Adelaide, South Australia									6127	
Australia..1 v. Japan..3													
half time, Australia..0 v. Japan..0													
No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Retired Injured	Sent Off	Time of substitution	No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Retired Injured	Sent Off	Time of substitution
START LIST													
	GK	Ross Kelly						GK	Kenzo Yokoyama				
	DF	George Keith						DF	Hiroshi Katayama				
	DF	Stanley "Stan" Ackerley						DF	Takaji Mori				
	DF	Dick van Alphen						DF	Mitsuo Kamata				
	DF	Manfred Schaefer				X		DF	Yoshitada Yamaguchi				
	MF	Ladislav "Les" Scheinflug						MF	Shigeo Yaegashi				
	MF	George "Alan" Westwater						MF	Aritatsu Ogi				75
	MF	Archibald "Archie" Blue						FW	Teruki Miyamoto				
	FW	Bill Vojtek						FW	Kunishige Kamamoto	85, 89			
	FW	Ray Baartz						FW	Masashi Watanabe				
	FW	Thomas "Tommy" McColl	70					FW	Ryuichi Sugiyama	82			
SUBSTITUTES													
		Roy Blitz				X			Masakatsu Miyamoto				75
Team Coach		Joseph "Uncle Joe" Vlasits					Team Coach		Shunichiro Okano				
Team Manager		John Barclay					Team Trainer						
Referee							Team Manager		Naganuma Takeshi				
Linesman													
Linesman													

match report from The Advertiser, 5/4/1968, page 22

Japan scored three goals in a withering eight-minute second half burst to defeat Australia 3-1 in the international soccer game at Norwood Oval last night.

The win enabled Japan to level the three-match series.

The first game was drawn 2-2 and Australia won the second match 3-1.

The game proved conclusively that Australia will need to improve if it is to qualify for the 1970 World Cup.

Australia showed that it has mastered the defensive requirements of the 4-3-3 system, but its attack lacked penetration.

The Japanese players, particularly Kamamoto, Sugiyama and Watanabe, displayed better ball skill and turning ability.

Westwater successfully blotted Kamamoto in the first half but the star forward proved too elusive in the second half.

Japanese coach Shunichiro Okano said: "The turning point came when I replaced Ogi with Suzuki, who immediately opened up the game."

Australian team manager John Barclay said: "The equaliser unsettled our boys, who were in command earlier. The equaliser was clearly offside and the second goal looked very suspicious. But full credit to the Japanese, who again played forceful and attractive soccer."

Australia was first to score after 26 minutes of the second half.

Baartz crossed to McColl, who pushed a ground shot past Yokoyama in the Japanese goal.

Japan equalised 11 minutes later when Miyamoto centred to Sugiyama, who headed past Kelly.

Japan swept into attack with five minutes remaining for its star forward Kamamoto to score an easy goal.

The Australian defenders were left flat-footed as they appealed for offside as three Japanese forwards raced after the ball.

Kamamoto belted the ball high into the net.

Australia attacked desperately in the closing stages, but Japan scored again with only a minute left.

Again it was Kamamoto who positioned himself well to head the ball past Kelly, who was left stranded from a corner kick.

Japan 3, Australia 1.

Goals - Japan:- Kamamoto 2, Sugiyama. Australia:- McColl.

Best - Japan:- Kamata, Sugiyama, Kamamoto. Australia:- Ackerley, Westwater, Kelly.

match report from Soccer World, Volume 11, Number 13, 12/4/1968, page 3 by Paul Dean

Staring at the cold facts and results, one must conclude that the three-match series with Japan ended fair and square; each team won a game 3-1 and one was drawn. But there is very much more lurking behind these figures. In the first encounter, Japan stood pretty close to a win and a convincing one, at that. There was no argument about the second tie; Australia was the better team and deservedly won.

The third was a peculiar affair. Up to the 82nd minute it looked as if Australia could win; then, with Oriental magic, Japan turned the tables and won, deservedly. Right from the beginning it was obvious that in this third match, the Australian team will be up against a rested, composed and determined Japan. And it was also obvious that if our three-day basic preparation before the series was inadequate, this was the night when the price had to be paid. Let's see the circumstances; maybe there is something to be learned for the future.

The Japanese arrived in Sydney after a 30-hour plane trip from Mexico - and the following day had to play their first match. Only those who have spent 30 hours in non-stop travelling can possibly know how incredibly tiring it is. So in the first match they couldn't have been fit. But in the second match, it must have been worse.

This took place the following day, not giving the visitors any time to acclimatise and to rest. Between the second and the third matches there were three full days during which the Japanese could regain their breath, rest their limbs - and at least try to produce their best. Barclay and Vlasits were also restricted to 16 players - as economy measures.

Injuries to Marnoch, Van Alphen, Warren, Schaefer and Keith plus Corry's sickness cut down the size of this squad to well below safety level. So the incredible did happen; the Japanese had no replacement problem but the Australians did - at home.

Now, the Australians. Our team was called together on Tuesday afternoon for the first time, precisely four days before the first match. This gave the coach two days when he could train them reasonably hard; Wednesday and Thursday.

How insufficient this is cannot be over-emphasised; in the first match our team work was non-existent, in the third match, towards the end, our stamina and strength was sapped. The first half in Adelaide was extremely hard fought and even, producing little that can be called spectacular.

Yet it was not boring; both defences operated magnificently and neither team was even allowed to penetrate too deeply into enemy territory. The Australian attack once again badly malfunctioned; Vojtek hung back too far, McColl was too passive and Baartz was left to his own devices. Still, we had one or two chances - but not good enough to be converted into goals.

On the other hand, Japan could have grabbed the lead twice. In the 30th minute Kamamoto, in the 45th Miyamoto broke through and smashed great shots against the crossbar.

With Schaefer injured, Blitz came in after the interval to reinforce the attack and Scheinflug dropped back to midfield. At once the yellow-shirted Australian team became more enterprising and more aggressive.

The ball started to run sweetly for them and for the first time in the match, Australia gained a clear upper hand. Finally, in the 70th minute, came our goal. Baartz pounced on a long ball on the right wing, dashed off hotly pursued by Yamaguchi and from the line sent in a low pass to the onrushing McColl to sweep the ball in with majestic ease.

The stage looked set for a splendid Australian win. The Japanese, while still playing their clever attractive game, could not mount dangerous attacks because their build-up work was slow and because Westwater kept the deadly Kamamoto under very strict and very close watch.

With 15 minutes to go, coach Okano decided on a tactical change. He pulled off the dainty Ogi and sent in the more aggressive M.Miyamoto with one clear-cut instruction; speed up the attacks, get a grip on the midfield and push the ball through faster to the forwards.

All of a sudden the picture of the game changed and the midfield, until then the domain of Blue and Scheinflug, became Japanese territory. In fact, for some 30 minutes Australia played magnificently - the type of soccer I have not seen from any Australian club, State or national side before.

This was push-and-run stuff of the highest calibre, every bit as good as any you can see on BBC TV and much better than most. Australia played touch-football at great speed and the Japanese were reeling; time and again their goal had a narrow escape.

But gradually the Australians grew visibly tired; they were not ready for a Japanese grandstand finish. It came anyway.

In the 82nd minute Japan equalised when a freekick, sent in from the extreme right, deceived all our defenders; Kamamoto made a great dummy run for the cross, taking with him Westwater and Van Alphen but the ball sailed over to the other flank, where, where Watanabe headed it to the unmarked Sugiyama who forwarded it further into the net with a soft, neat header.

Another smart, professional goal, the obvious result of hours of practice.

Three minutes later Kamamoto was on the spot again, Kelly and Keith both wanted to save a shot on the line, the ball rolled clear and Kamamoto, sprinting in from nowhere, hammered it into the net from a yard or so.

The third goal was a mere formality, a coup de grace; a corner once again sailed over the heads of Kelly and the defenders and Kamamoto, waiting near the far post, headed it home from a couple of yards.

I felt that with some luck Australia might have hung on to its narrow lead, despite the great Japanese finish.

But there was more to it than luck; Westwater who marked Kamamoto out of the game for 80 minutes began to tire as the tall Japanese striker took him for miles of running at top speed, constantly changing wings and purposefully grinding Westwater into the ground.

Blue was injured while Scheinflug and Van Alphen also tired towards the end and thus our midfield became vulnerable.

And last but not least, Australia perhaps could have escaped defeat if the players had felt that the crowd wanted them to win.

But this was not the case as Norwood Oval's crowd was plainly hostile to them, barracking for their downfall and celebrating their doom.

On the whole, Japan deserved to win the last match; they held out well in the first half, weathered the great Aussie storm in the second half with only one goal and then staged a whirlwind finish the like of which could knock out many other teams.

In the Australian defence Keith was the best man; he tackled well and was constructive throughout. Ackerley was only a shade behind him.

Kelly, a very talented goalie, was unlucky with the second goal and at fault with the third.

Van Alphen stood his ground well though his lack of speed was obvious. Westwater was well above average and proved that he can submit his considerable skills to a higher tactical plan. Schaefer played well until his injury.

Blue was our best midfield man and in the forward line Baartz was the prime mover throughout.

The Japanese are lucky enough to have a Kamamoto in their team, indisputably a world class forward.

I rate him higher than any of the strikers seen in Australia as Law, Kvasniak, Bridges or the Roma and Torpedo players.

But Kamamoto is not Japan; all their players are extremely accomplished, skilled, well trained and well disciplined with amazing tactical maturity and clairvoyance.

Australia: Kelly; Keith, Schaefer, Van Alphen, Ackerley; Westwater, Blue, Scheinflug; Wojtek, Baartz, McColl. - in second half Blitz for Schaefer. Reserves: Corry, Lloyd, McMeechan.

Japan: Yokoyama; Katayama, Mori, Kamata, Yamaguchi; Yaegashi, Ogi (M.Miyamoto); T.Miyamoto, Watanabe, Kamamoto, Sugiyama.

Scorers: McColl 70 min., Sugiyama 82 min., Kamamoto 85 and 89 min.

Referee: D.Maitland (Vic.)

Crowd: 8,000.

1969

Date & Time			Venue				Weather			Temperature		Attendance	
3rd. June 1969			Macquarie Field, Speers Point, New South Wales										
Northern New South Wales..2 v. Australia..2													
half time, Northern N.S.W. ..1 v. Australia..1													
No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Retired Injured	Sent Off	Time of substitution	No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Retired Injured	Sent Off	Time of substitution
START LIST													
	GK	Ken Gabriel						GK	Ron Fraser				X
	DF	Roy Johnson						DF	Dave Ziemann				
	DF	William "Willie" Gallagher						DF	Stanley "Stan" Ackerley				
	DF	Horst Schneider						DF	Manfred Schaefer				X**
	DF	Colin "Col" Curran						DF	Alan Marnoch				
	MF	Jim Wood				X		MF	John Watkiss				
	MF	Tom Snedden						MF	Josip "Joe" Alagich				
	FW	Charles "Charlie" Govan						FW	Attila "Ottie" Abonyi				
	FW	Peter Irving	34			X*		FW	John Warren				
	FW	Ray Lloyd						FW	Gary Manuel	X			
	FW	David Ahrens	80					FW	Victor "Vic" Reynolds				X*
SUBSTITUTES													
	GK	Lester Forrester						GK	Ron Corry				X
		Mervyn Black				X			Danny Walsh				X*
		Wayne Brough				X*			Ian Johnson	70			X**
Team Coach							Team Coach		Joseph "Uncle Joe" Vlasits				
							Team Trainer						
Team Manager		Reg Wright					Team Manager						
Referee		Peter Rapley											
Linesman													
Linesman													

match report from The Newcastle Morning Herald, 4/6/1969, page 36

The Northern N.S.W. Soccer side held a team from the Australian national squad to a 2-all draw at Speers Point last night and was unlucky not to win.

In the last five minutes the Northern forwards were running freely through the national side's defence. David Ahrens had only Ron Corry to beat but he delayed his shot slightly and Corry smothered.

With a minute to go Ahrens, a few yards out from goal, tried to head past Corry but hit the upright.

The Northern side was very much the same as the one that was comfortably beaten by St. George-Budapest last week, but played infinitely better football.

The defence was sound against the speedy and experienced opposing forwards.

For their part the Northern forwards worked well with their half-backs, and looked every bit as good as the big game players opposing them.

Despite the showery night the ground was in good condition, and the crowd was bigger than for the match against St.George-Budapest.

Northern N.S.W. scored first, Peter Irving driving in from 10 yards in the 34th minute.

From the restart the Australian squad produced a superb movement which brought the equaliser.

The ball went from the centre field to Vic Reynolds, who pushed over for Gary Manuel to drive in high under the bar.

The score was 1-all at half-time.

Irving's goal was foreshadowed in a sequence of concerted movements by the Northern side which had the Australian defence based on Dave Ziemann, Stan Ackerley and Manfred Schaefer, covering desperately.

In that attacking burst Irving, Ray Lloyd, David Ahrens and Irving again had chances to finish with goals, but quick covering by the defence threw them off balance.

Irving's goal followed brilliant work by Ahrens, who beat Ziemann and crossed from near the backline to the front of the goal, where Irving was in position to score.

Mid-way through the second half Jim Wood was replaced by Mervyn Black and Wayne Brough came on for Peter Irving.

Ron Corry replaced Ron Frazer in the national squad goal and Danny Walsh and Ian Johnson came on replacing Reynolds and Schaefer.

The Northerners continued to hold their own through the second half but the national squad took the lead in the 25th minute when Johnson scored with an 18-yard drive.

Ten minutes later Ray Lloyd made a strong run to the right field and crossed to Ahrens who hustled his way past Ziemann to level the score with a 10-yard drive.

The Australian team managers and coach, Joe Vlasits, were impressed by the solidity of the Northern defence in which Col Curran, Willie Gallagher and Horst Schneider showed ability equal to that produced on the other side.

It was a good test for the Northern defence with experienced forwards such as Ottie Abonyi, Joe Alagich and John Warren to control.

Alagich showed great dash in the early stages and twice hit the outside of the net with brilliantly-taken shots from tight positions.

Date & Time			Venue				Weather			Temperature		Attendance	
25th. June 1969, 20.00			E.S.Marks Field, Kensington, Sydney, South Wales (Sydney Athletics Field)				New					3087	
Sydney XI..1 v. Australia..2													
half time, Sydney XI..0 v. Australia..2													
No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Retired Injured	Sent Off	Time of substitutio n	No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Retired Injured	Sent Off	Time of substitution
START LIST													
	GK	Jim Fraser				45		GK	Ron Corry				
		Ivan Nacinovich			X								
		Chris Crowe											
		Mike Bellis							William "Billy" Rice				
		Mike Denton	72						Danny Walsh				
									John Warren (c)	9			
									Josip "Joe" Alagich	44			
									Attila Abonyi				
									Ray Baartz				
									Billy Vojtek				
SUBSTITUTES													
	GK	Angelo Demopoulos				45							
Team Coach								Team Coach		Joseph "Uncle Joe" Vlasits			
Team Manager								Team Trainer					
Referee		Peter Rapley						Team Manager					
Linesman													
Linesman													

The Sydney XI is also named as N.S.W. Federation XI in some reports.

The Daily Mirror, 25/6/1969, page 66 has the NATIONAL SQUAD as:- Ron Corry; Manfred Schaefer, Bill Rice; John Watkiss, Alan Marnoch, Danny Walsh; McColl, Atti Abonyi, John Warren, Ray Baartz, Billy Vojtek. Res.:- David Zeman, Gary Manuel, Joe Alagich.
 SYDNEY XI:- Jim Fraser; Wilson, Bruce Tracey; Chris Crowe, Mike Bellis, Max Tolson; Mike Denton, Andrew Papaemanuel, Takki Loukanidis, Adrian Alston, Haidar. Res.:- Angelo Demopoulos, Ivan Nacinovic.
 In the same article it states that " We have Frank Wilson, the big Scottish centre half, joining his South Coast United colleagues, Max Tolson and Adrian Alstom." but in an article in the Daily Telegraph, 24/6/1969, page 42 it states that "Peter Wilson, South Coast United's soccer centre half, yesterday was added to the Sydney squad who meet "Australia" tomorrow night at Marks Field. It goes on "Wilson, 21, migrated to Australia from Middlesbrough, England in January."

The Soccer World, Volume 12, Number 24, 27/6/1969, page 2 has the likely line-ups as:- AUSTRALIAN XI: Corry; Schaefer, Watkiss, Marnoch, Rice; Walsh, Warren; Alagich, Abonyi, Baartz, Vojtek.
 Reserves: Zeman, McColl, Lloyd, Gary Manuel.
 Sydney XI:- Fraser; Wilson, Tracey; Crowe, Bellis, Tolson; Denton, Papaemanuel, Alston, Loukanidis, Reynolds.

match report from the Daily Mirror, 26/9/1969, page 52 by Hotspur.

Soccer clubs are obviously going to complain against future trial matches between the Australia squad and Sydney. Because at least two top players are going to miss this weekend's matches.

Ottie Abonyi, of St George, will definitely miss the match against Pan Hellenic at Wentworth Park on Sunday because of a swollen ankle.

And former English international Chris Crowe has a gashed shin and is a doubtful starter for Auburn against South Sydney Croatia at Sydney Athletic Field on Saturday.

Both injuries were caused in last night's game, which was not a friendly affair.

It was full of action with everybody fighting for his places in the team.

During the first half, of which the first 20 minutes produced the best Soccer of the night, I stood between two blokes who would, apart from injury, have been playing as fullbacks for Australia - Stan Ackerley and George Keith of Apia.

Their remarks were interesting.

They agreed with me that the Australian skipper, Johnny Warren, who scored the first goal with a low drive, was playing well, and trying to find the speedy Joe Alagich with long through balls.

The wind, as Warren told me after the game, was carrying the balls away and he could not find Alagich with the passes.

But there is no doubt Warren and Alagich can in future, form a mighty combination - and I expect them to be playing against the Greeks together next month.

It was Alagich who nipped in to score the Australian squad's second goal right on half time when he picked up a through ball from an unusually lethargic Ray Baartz.

Mike Denton of the Saints, scored Sydney's goal in the 72nd minute following a badly judged back pass to goal keeper Ron Corry.

Corry was at his magnificent best, but I thought his protégé, Jim Fraser, of Polonia North Side, did extraordinarily well in the first half without attempting any unnecessary acrobatics. Which I cannot say of Angelo Demopolous, who replaced him in the second half.

The Sydney side fought like demons in the second half, particularly after fullback Ivan Nacinovich was unnecessarily, in my view, sent off and they had to play with ten men.

Summing it up, I think this Australian squad is shaping up well. They are beginning to look like a team and I feel our prospects against Greece are good and our chances in the World Cup very good.

The make-shift NSW team also performed extraordinarily well.

As I said this was a bargain of entertainment for 40 cents.

The tiny terrier Danny Walsh, of Hakoah, was probably the best man on the field.

He never stopped working and obviously revels in his role as a mid-field link man.

It was also clear last night that the Australian coach, Joe Vlasits, has his players working to a pattern.

But it is also clear they must have more and more chances of playing in similar matches if they are to be welded into a unit.

Overall, last night's exercise was a good one, apart from the players who got injured. The two Victorians, Bill Rice and young winger Billy Vojtek did not enhance their reputations.

Rice was too slow and too tough, while Vojtek did not use his speed and ball control to best ability.

It is a pity that no one in Sydney bought Vojtek last week.

There is no doubt that this tiny man has colossal ability - but he should be playing in a better team.

match report from the Daily Telegraph, 26/6/1969, page 50

The Australian Soccer squad showed improved form in defeating a New South Wales Federation XI 2-1 at Marks Field last night.

Their previous match, against Northern N.S.W., had finished in a disappointing 2-all draw.

The Australian squad, led by centre-forward John Warren, played determined, attacking football.

Their greater finesse always had the N.S.W. team on the defensive.

The Australian forwards combined well in the ninth minute of play when Abonyi passed to Baartz, and in to Warren who scored.

A minute later, former Greek international Mike Bellas, playing for N.S.W., cleverly saved an imminent goal.

Bellas was the best player on the field.

In the 42nd minute, left-winger Joe Alagich scored the second goal and at half-time Australia led 2-0.

The N.S.W. players changed tactics in the second half trying to bustle the Australian forwards.

This brought results in the 71st minute when right-winger Mike Denton took advantage of a defensive lapse to break through.

AUSTRALIAN SQUAD 2 (J.Alagich, J.Warren) d. N.S.W. FEDERATION 1 (M.Denton).

Crowd:- 3087.

Date & Time			Venue				Weather			Temperature		Attendance	
19th. July 1969,			Sydney Cricket Ground, Moore Park, South Wales				New					30155	
Australia..1 v. Greece..0													
half time, Australia..0 v. Greece..0													
No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Retired Injured	Sent Off	Time of substitutio n	No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Retired Injured	Sent Off	Time of substitution
START LIST													
	GK	Ron Corry						GK	Nikos Hristidis		26		
	RB	Manfred Schaefer						RB	Haralambos "Babis" Intzoglou				
	LB	John Watkiss						LB	Apostolos Toskas				
	RH	Alan Marnoch						RH	Angelos Spiridon				
	CH	Stanley "Stan" Ackerley						CH	Athanasius "Thanasis" Intzoglou				
	LH	Danny Walsh						LH	Stavros Sarafis				
	OR	John Warren						OR	Giorgos Dedes				75
	IR	Adrian Alston				46		IR	Efstathios "Stathis" Haitas (c)				46
	CF	Attila Abonyi	60(pk)					CF	Konstantinos "Kostas" Aidiniou				
	IL	Ray Baartz						IL	Giorgos Karafeskos				
	OL	Bill Vojtek						OL	Mihalis Kritikopoulos				
SUBSTITUTES													
		Thomas "Tommy" McColl				46		GK	Konstantinos "Kostas" Saraliotis				26
									Dimitrios "Takis" Hatzioanoglou				75
									Dimitrios "Mimis" Papaioannou				46
Team Coach		Joseph "Uncle Joe" Vlasits						Team Coach		Dan Georgiadis			
Team Manager								Team Trainer					
Referee		Tony Boskovic						Team Manager					
Linesman													
Linesman													
Squad List							Squad List		Goalkeepers		Nikos Hristidis (A.C. Aris Thessaloniki)		
										Konstantinos "Kostas" Saraliotis (Panionios G.S.S.)			
										Haralambos "Babis" Intzoglou (Panionios G.S.S.)			
									Defenders	Apostolos Toskas (A.E.K. Athens F.C.)			
										Angelos Spiridon (A.C. Aris Thessaloniki)			
									Midfield	Athanasius Intzoglou (Panionios G.S.S.)			
										Stavros Sarafis (P.A.O.K. Thessaloniki)			
									Forwards	Giorgos Dedes (Panionios G.S.S.)			
										Efstathios Haitas (Panionios G.S.S.)			
										Kostas Aidiniou (G.A.Iraklis Thessaloniki)			
										Mihalis Kritikopoulos (Ethnikos O.F.P.F. Piraeus)			
										Dimitrios "Takis" Hatzioanoglou (Ethnikos O.F.P.F. Piraeus)			
										Dimitrios "Mimis" Papaioannou (A.E.K.Athens F.C)			
										Kostas Davourlis (Panachaiki G.E.)			
										Giorgos Karafeskos (A.E.K. Athens F.C.)			

Nikos Hristidis is also shown as Nikos Christidis.
Babis Intzoglou is also shown as Christos Intzoglou and H.Intzoglou.
Thanasis Intzoglou is also shown as Athanasias Intzoglou and A.Intzoglou.
Giorgos Dedes ia also shown as Yorgos Dedes, Georgios Dedes and George Dedes.
Giorgos Karafeskos is also shown as Yorgos Karafeskos and Georgios Karafeskos
Mihalis Kritikopoulos is also shown as Michales Kritikopoulos and Haralambos Kritikopoulos.
Kostas Saraliotis is also shown as Angelos Saraliotis and Andrew Garaliotis.
Takis Hatzioanoglou is also shown as Takis Chatzioannoglu, Neotakos Hatzionnoglou and Dem Hatzionannoglou.

match report from The Sun-Herald, 20/7/1969, page 58

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Australia's Soccer team, superbly dedicated and displaying a brand of confidence hitherto unseen, chastened Greece 1-0 in the first Test at the S.C.G. yesterday.

Australia won much more comfortably than the score suggests, gaining early ascendancy and never relinquishing it.

It was Australia's first win over a European national side, and only the second in a full international in Australia. Japan last year, was the first.

Such was Australia's mastery that the Greek fans in the 30,155 crowd - boisterous early - had long since lapsed into silence when the curtain fell.

"We wanted so much to prove to Australian supporters that our unbeaten run in Asia was no flash in the pan," skipper Johnny Warren said after the match.

"I'm proud we were able to do it."

And so he should be. Australia's superiority was rarely questioned yesterday.

The butterflies were evident in both sides in the first quarter-hour when hurried clearances and mistimed passes were the order of the day.

But Australia's composure grew with each passing minute. First Adrian Alston, playing in his first international, blasted a half-chance over the bar, then Ray Baartz shot just wide.

Warren and Danny Walsh, playing his first full international, clamped a stranglehold on midfield.

The Greeks seemed content to allow them free rein.

Their attitude almost brought them undone in the 19th minute, when the acrobatic Nicolas Christidis, in the Greek goal, flung himself to tip over a Warren shot.

Christidis was later to hobble from the field after a collision with Baartz.

The Greeks employed the 4-2-4 system, with their most obvious ploy the quick break by wingers Stavros Sarafis and Michael Kritikopoulos.

Kritikopoulos on one occasion streaked around Australia's dour-tackling right-back Manfred Schaefer, but his shot was smothered.

Australia's supporters by this time had grown restless in their seats. The tide of green and gold swept constantly into the Greek goalmouth, but each time the ball was cleared away.

The break came in the 62nd minute.

Tommy McColl, called on at half-time to replace Alston on Australia's right flank, glided free, hotly pursued by defenders.

His run ended inside the penalty box, brought to a halt by an over-ambitious lunge by Angelos Spiridon.

Referee Tony Boskovic had no hesitation. He pointed straight at the penalty spot.

The Australians seemed undecided who should take the kick. Finally, "Ottie" Abonyi was given the nod.

Abonyi revealed later in the dressing room he had "sworn off" taking penalty kicks, after missing one on the 1967 Asian tour.

He made no mistake this time, sliding the ball neatly into the right-hand corner of the net, away from the diving replacement goalkeeper Saraliotis.

Australia might have had an earlier penalty. Baartz, off on a weaving run, seemed set to score but was pulled down from behind.

Referee Boskovic waved away pleas by the Australians for a penalty, ruling Baartz had fouled outside the 18 yard area.

Abonyi's penalty settled that controversy and Australia, cock a hoop, had some grand opportunities thereafter.

Baartz jinked around the goalkeeper, shot a little tamely and saw the ball cleared off the line.

Then Warren beat four men in a 75-yard dash down centre field, only to be thwarted by Saraliotis.

Warren's inspiration was a major factor in Australia's win.

John Watkiss, surely possessed of ice instead of blood in his veins, had a great game, blotting out the disappointing Greek forwards.

So did Allan Murnoch, alongside him in the "stopper" position, and full-backs Schaefer and Stan Ackerley.

Little Danny Walsh, a tigerish partner for Warren in midfield, also had a fine match.

Baartz relished his task as a striker; his aggression and strength worried the defenders and, with an ounce of luck, he would have added to Australia's total.

Of the Greeks, wingers Sarafis and Kritikopoulos showed glimmers of class, but they were generally a lacklustre bunch.

The Greeks caused a surprise by not introducing Dimitrios Papaioannou until half time.

He was probably the most dangerous Greek forward in the time he was there.

Yesterday's loss cannot but have the visitors bemoaning the absence of Dimitrios Domazos, still at home in Athens, and George Sideris, honeymooning in the United States.

AUSTRALIA 1(A.Abonyi) beat GREECE 0. Crowd: 30,155.

Date & Time			Venue				Weather			Temperature		Attendance	
23rd. July 1969,			Exhibition Ground, Brisbane, Queensland									10037	
Australia..2 v. Greece..2													
half time, Australia..0 v. Greece..2													
No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Retired Injured	Sent Off	Time of substitution	No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Retired Injured	Sent Off	Time of substitution
START LIST													
	GK	Ron Corry					GK	Konstantinos "Kostas" Saraliotis					
	RB	Manfred Schaefer					RB	Haralambos "Babis" Intzoglou					
	LB	Alan Marnoch					LB	Angelos Spiridon					
	RH	John Watkiss					RH	Apostolos Toskas					
	CH	Stanley "Stan" Ackerley					CH	Athanasius "Thanasis" Intzoglou					
	LH	Danny Walsh				80	LH	Giorgos Karafeskos					
	OR	John Warren					OR	Efstathios "Stathis" Haitas (c)					
	IR	Thomas "Tommy" McColl					IR	Giorgos Dedes	19, 44				
	CF	Attila Abonyi					CF	Dimitris "Mimis" Papaioannou					75
	IL	Ray Baartz	62				IL	Mihalis Kritikopoulos				89	
	OL	Bill Vojtek	48				OL	Dimitrios "Takis" Hatzioanoglou					
SUBSTITUTES													
		Ray Lloyd				80		Konstantinos "Kostas" Davourlis					75
Team Coach		Joseph "Uncle Joe" Vlasits					Team Coach		Dan Georgiadis				
							Team Trainer						
Team Manager							Team Manager						
Referee		Harold Parsons											
Linesman													
Linesman													

match report from the Courier-Mail, 24/7/1969, page 13

Australia staged a magnificent fight back to recover from a two goal half-time deficit and draw 2-2 with Greece in the second Soccer Test at the Exhibition Ground last night.

In so doing the Australians proved to a crowd of 12,000 that they are a rising force in international football.

The Australian forward line with the speed of inside forwards Ray Baartz and Ottie Abonyi displayed some immaculate passing and kept a tight Greek defence on its toes.

Greece relied on a three-pronged attack of Dem Papaioannou, Georg Dedes and Han Kritikopoulos.

It was the elusive Dedes who rocked the Australian defence with a surprise goal after 18 minutes.

He shot through a gap after taking Papaioannou's pass and easily beat Ron Corry with a good ground shot.

The Australian defence remained solid even after this and centre half Alan Marnoch won almost every duel in the air.

Right fullback Manfred Schaefer tackled tackled hard and was dangerous when he moved up the middle in attack.

But the Australian back line had a shaky period just before half-time and offered little resistance when Dedes scored another goal.

It matched the first in brilliance as his first class diving header had Corry grasping thin air.

This goal came just before half-time.

Coach Joe Vlasits made no changes in the Australian lineup for the second half and a brilliant move between Tim McColl and Abonyi sent Bill Vojtek in for a goal after only three minutes.

From this point it was all Australia and the equaliser came 14 minutes later.

John Warren and Ray Baartz cleverly executed a direct free kick and Baartz scored with a crashing drive, even though Saraliotis got his hands to the ball.

The complexion of the game changed dramatically after this when the Greek defenders tried to rough-up the Australians and several incidents broke out among the players.

Referee Harold Parsons deserved a medal for his restraint in the final half-hour and was even pushed by a Greek player at one stage.

Several times he had to insist on Greek coach Dan Georgiadis' departure from the field.

Parsons finally asserted his authority minutes before full time and sent Kritikopoulos from the field.

The Australians could be considered unlucky as each man had a great match, but all seemed to lose cohesion after these incidents.

Halfback Danny Walsh was replaced by Ray Lloyd in the second half and the only Greek change came when Davourlis replaced the injured Papaioannou.

Most outstanding of the Australians were centre-half Marnoch, fullbacks, Schaefer and Stan Ackerley, and forwards Abonyi, Baartz and captain John Warren, who played well as a roving mid-field centre-forward.

The best for Greece were in defence fullbacks Intzoglou and Toskas and halfback Spiridon.

Australia 2 (R.Baartz, W.Vojtek) v. Greece 2 (G.Dedes 2).

Date & Time			Venue					Weather			Temperature		Attendance	
27th. July 1969,			Olympic Park, Melbourne, Victoria										24416	
Australia..0 v. Greece..2														
half time, Australia..0 v. Greece..0														
No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Retired Injured	Sent Off	Time of substitution	No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Retired Injured	Sent Off	Time of substitution	
START LIST														
	GK	Ron Corry						GK	Nikolaos "Nikos" Hristidis					
	RB	Manfred Schaefer						RB	Haralambos "Babis" Intzoglou					
	LB	John Watkiss						LB	Angelos Spiridon					
	RH	Alan Marnoch						RH	Apostolos Toskas					
	CH	Stanley "Stan" Ackerley				68		CH	Athanasius "Thanasis" Intzoglou					
	LH	Ray Lloyd				58		LH	Efstathios "Stathis" Haitas (c)					
	OR	Thomas "Tommy" McColl						OR	Giorgos Dedes	22			44	
	IR	Attila Abonyi						IR	Stavros Sarafis					
	CF	John Warren						CF	Mihalis Kritikopoulos					
	IL	Ray Baartz						IL	Giorgos Karafeskos					
	OL	Bill Vojtek						OL	Dimitrios "Takis" Hatzioanoglou				46	
SUBSTITUTES														
		William "Billy" Rice				68			Konstantinos "Kostas" Aidiniou				44	
		Danny Walsh				58			Dimitris "Mimis" Papaioannou	55			46	
Team Coach		Joseph "Uncle Joe" Vlasits					Team Coach		Dan Georgiadis					
							Team Trainer							
Team Manager							Team Manager							
Referee		Vince Dobinson												
Linesman		L.Stafrace												
Linesman		G.Harrison												

match report from Soccer News, Volume 7, Number 18, 31/7/1969, page 1 and 3

In cold hard facts Australia were defeated by two clear goals in the final international match against Greece at Olympic Park last Sunday.

For 15 minutes there was little to chose between the teams. One early move, when Abonyi and Warren combined for the latter to cross a fine low ball, should have produced a goal.

The Greeks improved and displayed speed, tenacity and fine footwork.

Unfortunately they also employed tactics which upset a number of Australian players. Shirt pulling, arm holding, and ankle tapping were overdone and unnecessary. It ended with Sarafis having his name taken by referee Dobinson of Queensland.

Both goals were the result of defensive errors.

In the 22nd minute Watkiss headed the ball out to the feet of sharp-shooting forward Dedes. He promptly left Corry helpless with a fine drive.

Five minutes later after the interval Papaioannou let go a fierce drive from 30 yards.

Corry had come well out of goal and was caught in two minds. He appeared to make a half-hearted attempt to pull the ball down. As a result it spun from his groping fingers, dropped behind him and bounced into the net.

As the game progressed Greece improved as Australia faded.

H.Intzoglou, Spiridon and Toskas were outstanding in a speedy, compact and first-time defence.

Australia's forwards never gained the upper hand, and it is a measure of the ability of the Greek defence that the home forwards took 65 minutes for the first real shot at goal.

This was a 25-yard oblique drive from Baartz, which brought the best out of Christidis in deflecting the ball for a corner kick.

Baartz again went close with a header from McColl's kick.

Australia looked a thoroughly jaded and tired team, and their performance did not compare with the displays put on in Sydney and Brisbane.

Practically all the boys had played four matches in eight days, which is too much for part-time professionals.

Club commitments are understandable, but if the international image of Australian soccer is to be promoted as it should be, clubs must make sacrifices.

Only success at international level will make soccer truly acceptable to Australians.

The Greeks, superior in all departments on Sunday, are not a great side.

I think a fresh and fit Victoria may well surprise them.

Several of the Greek players took the eye. Dedes is a great opportunist, Toskas had phenomenal energy and played a great game.

Kritikopoulos disposed of the ball well and kept Marnoch at full strength. Papaioannou showed the stamp of class when he came on for the second half, and Karafeskos shot with great power.

Australia tried, and failed, to match their opponents with close passing.

Had they moved the ball faster, used the long ball more frequently, and had that extra yard of speed which tired players lack, they may well have pulled the game out of the fire.

Lloyd, who had played well, was replaced by Walsh, who demonstrated good distribution.

It was a blow to Australia when Ackerley's leg gave out, for Rice had to come on as substitute at a time when Alston or Manuel would have pepped up the forward line if either could have joined in.

McColl was the best forward. He ran himself into the ground, but it was not Australia's day.
 Coach Joe Vlasits said after the game that he was happy with the outcome of the series. He was proud of the way every member of the squad had behaved, and particularly of the wonderful efforts of his boys in Sydney and Brisbane.

He agreed that four games and thousands of miles travel in eight days was too much for them.
 He has confidence in them for the World Cup series, but will watch each State game against the Greeks for likely additions to the squad.
 For Victorian soccer followers the game was something of a disappointment. It was, however, understandable when all facts were known.
 Don't write the boys off; they will bring further glory to Australian soccer.

AUSTRALIA 0, GREECE 2 (Dedes, Papaioannou).
 Referee, Mr.V.Dobinson.
 Olympic Park.
 Crowd: 24,415.

Teams - Australia: Corry, Schaeffer, Ackerley, Watkiss, Marnoch, Lloyd, Vojtek, Abonyi, Warren, Baartz and McColl.
 Walsh replaced Ackerley after 57 minutes. Rice replaced Ackerley after 65 minutes.
 Greece: Christidis, A.Intzoglou, Spiridon, Toskas, H.Intzoglou, Karafeskos, Sarafis, Hatzioanoglou, Haitas, Kritikopoulos and Dedes.
 Aidiniou replaced Hatzioanoglou after 44 minutes. Papaioannou replaced Dedes for the second half.

The Greek team had a series of challenge matches in addition to the test matches. The results of those games were:-

2nd.August 1969 New South Wales..2 v. Greece..1 at the Sydney Sports Ground, Moore Park, Sydney, Kick-off 15.00, Attendance..15128
 6th.August 1969 South Australia..0 v. Greece..6 at Hindmarsh Stadium, Adelaide, Kick-off 20.00, Attendance..8000
 10th.August 1969 Victoria..0 v. Greece..0 at Olympic Stadium, Melbourne, Kick-off 15.00, Attendance..15000
 13th.August 1969 Western Australia..1 v. Greece..2 at Lake Monger Velodrome, Perth, Attendance..8000

Date & Time			Venue				Weather			Temperature		Attendance	
17th. September 1969, 20.00			E.S.Marks Field, Kensington, Sydney, New South Wales (Sydney Athletics Field)									200	
New South Wales XI..2 v. Australia..0													
half time,													
No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Retired Injured	Sent Off		No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Retired Injured	Sent Off	
START LIST													
									Max Tolson				
		A.Griffiths	X										
		George McCulloch	X										
Team Coach							Team Coach		Joseph "Uncle Joe" Vlasits				
							Team Manager						
Referee													
Linesman													
Linesman													

match report from the Daily Telegraph, 18/9/1969, page 58

A lethargic Australian team wound up the final official trials for the World Cup with a 2-0 drubbing by New South Wales at the E.S.Marks Field last night.

The Australian players obviously were saving themselves against injury.

The State side, with nothing to lose, eagerly swarmed all over the field and held a clear territorial advantage throughout.

NEW SOUTH WALES 2 (A.Griffiths, G.McCulloch) d. AUSTRALIA 0

Crowd: 200

match report from The Sydney Morning Herald, 18/9/1969, page 14

Max Tolson, South Coast United's big-hearted wing-half, seems certain to be a last-minute inclusion in Australia's World Cup Soccer team.

Tolson will be added to the squad within the next few days - at the expense of one of the 22 players already chosen.

Tolson last night unexpectedly turned out for the Australian team when it was surprisingly beaten 2-0 by a N.S.W. XI at Sydney Athletic Field.

Later, in the Australian dressing room, he was given inoculations by a doctor.

Though it could not be confirmed, Tolson will be included in the team because of national coach Joe Vlasits' concern at the loss of form of several key players.

Vlasits was obviously a worried man after the lacklustre form last night.

Tolson was not one of the reserves, and his appearance in the green and gold of Australia last night aroused much comment among officials.

The game itself, played before a meagre crowd of about 200, proved little except that the cup players were anxious to come through unscathed.

NSW XI 2 (A.Griffiths, G.McCulloch) beat AUSTRALIAN XI 0.

The Asia and Oceanian zone were guaranteed a direct place into the World Cup finals tournament.

The South Korean Government refused to issue visas to the Rhodesian football team due to the Rhodesian Government's stance on racial matters.

Problems with this grouping were apparent from the start with North Korea withdrawing as they refused to play Israel. Coupled with the Rhodesian problem it was decided that Israel, New Zealand and Rhodesia would receive a bye from the first round and advance to the Second Round directly.

On the 11th November 1965, the Cabinet of Rhodesia declared Unilateral Declaration of Independence.

The three remaining teams (Australia, South Korea and Japan) would play each other twice in South Korea with the group winner advancing to the Second Round.

In the Second Round, the four teams were divided into two groups of two teams each. The teams played against each other twice with the group winners advancing to the Final Round.

In the Final Round the two teams played against each other on a home-and-away basis with the winner qualifying for the World Cup finals.

The Australia, South Korea, Japan group was called Group 15-1, 15/2, and 15-A in various references. To eliminate confusion it is shown as the AFC/OFC Group.

World Cup Qualification, AFC/OFC Group, 1st Round													
Date & Time			Venue				Weather			Temperature		Attendance	
10th. October 1969, 19.30			Dongdaemun Stadium, Seoul, Korea Republic									10500	
Japan..1 v. Australia..3													
half time, Japan..1 v. Australia..1													
No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Retired Injured	Sent Off	Time of substitution	No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Retired Injured	Sent Off	Time of substitution
START LIST													
1	GK	Kenzo Yokoyama					1	GK	Ron Corry				
	RB	Yoshitada Yamaguchi					3	RB	George Keith				
2	LB	Hiroshi Katayama					2	LB	Manfred Schaefer				
6	RH	Mitsuo Kamata					5	RH	Alan Marnoch				X
	CH	Tadao Onishi					4	CH	Stanley "Stan" Ackerley				
9	LH	Takaji Mori					7	LH	John Warren (c)				
11	OR	Aritatsu Ogi	68(og)			X	8	OR	John Watkiss				
15	IR	Teruki Miyamoto					12	IR	Thomas "Tommy" McColl	5			
16	CF	Masashi Watanabe	11			28	15	CF	Attila Abonyi				
18	IL	Yasuyuki Kuwahara					16	IL	Ray Baartz	69			
19	OL	Ryuichi Sugiyama						OL	John Perin				60
SUBSTITUTES													
4		Masakatsu Miyamoto				X			Gary Manuel				X
		Takeo Kimura				28	18		Bill Vojtek				60
Team Coach		Ken Naganuma					Team Coach		Joseph "Uncle Joe" Vlasits				
							Team Trainer						
Team Manager							Team Manager						
Referee		Patrick Nice (Malaysia)											
Linesman													
Linesman													

Dongdaemun Stadium is also shown as Kyung Sung Stadium and Seoul Stadium.

match report from The Canberra Times, 11/10/1969, page 34 by AAP-Reuter

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Australia won its World Cup Soccer qualifying match 3-1 against Japan here today.

Australia started sensationally at the National Stadium before a near capacity crowd in fine weather, scoring in the first five minutes.

The Australians, geared to fever pitch, attacked brilliantly from the onset and Tom McColl, showing no signs of the injury that had hindered his pre-match preparation, notched the morale-boosting goal.

Australia looked aggressive, but its hopes of taking over the match faded five minutes later when the nippy Japanese forward Watanabe, slammed home an equaliser.

The Australian firing line looked more than a match for its opposites and poured on the pressure from all angles.

Determined scoring moves by the captain, John Warren, and Ray Baartz, whose shot hit the crossbar, just failed to give Australia the advantage and the two teams went into the second half with the score level at one-all.

The Australians had more scoring chances than the Japanese team, which includes many of the nation's bronze medal winners at the Mexico Olympics last year.

However the Japanese defence stood firm and their forwards made most of their chances.

The Australians had twice as many shots at goal in the first half and were attacking strongly as the half-time siren was sounded.

Australia bounced back into the lead after 16 minutes of the second half with a goal by Warren.

Baartz gave Australia a commanding 3-1 lead five minutes later when he fired a hard shot into the back of the net.

Australia's win against the hard running Japanese opened the six-match series in Group 15-1, in which South Korea is also taking part.

Rhodesia was originally scheduled to play in Seoul, but had to pull out when the South Korean Government refused to grant visas for the team.

The winners of the Seoul series will play Rhodesia at a later date.

match report from Soccer World, Volume 12, Number 40, 17/10/1969, page 3 by Paul Dean.

If there is such a thing as a superb vice-captain's game, then this is precisely what Stan Ackerley played last Friday night when Australia beat Japan 3-1 in the opening match of the qualifying tournament.

The volatile and vocal APIA star never stopped shouting and shrieking encouragement and directions for the whole of the match, driving on the entire Australian team.

This in no way reflects on the captaincy of John Warren, who, especially in the second half, was at his aggressive best.

At no stage did Australia look like losing.

The quick goal in the fifth minute, cleverly converted by Tom McColl, calmed any jarred nerves the Aussies might have had and even the Japanese equaliser a few minutes later didn't have any unsettling effects.

In the second half, the fate of the match was decided quickly and dramatically within eight minutes.

In that period Australia liquidated Japan with extreme prejudice.

Those two goals were real gems, coming after superb solo runs, first by Warren, then Abonyi.

Warren shook off two fierce tackles on the right wing, ran almost to the by-line and stabbed at goal sharply.

Japan's Ogi, running goalwards, deflected it into the upper corner past his hapless goalie, Yokoyama.

Attila Abonyi's great run through the middle was reminiscent of Hungarian Florian Albert's classic effort against Brazil in the 1966 World Cup at Liverpool.

The elegant St. George forward burst through the middle, leaving behind several Japanese defenders, before slipping a clear pass to the onrushing Ray Baartz whose angled shot from 10 yards smashed into the far corner.

I've never seen any Australian team score two such world-class goals in any one match before.

Australia played much better than anybody here expected.

They were aggressive and determined and never allowed the Japanese any room to execute their dainty moves.

To a large extent it was our superior physical strength and spirit that won the game.

But it would be entirely wrong to assume it was all guts and no skill; Australia at least matched Japan in pure footballing ability and our tactical plan was also superior.

There were no gaps between defence and attack and our game was more fluid and thoughtful.

In defence, Ackerley was the star, defending stoutly and directing operations vocally throughout the field.

Ron Corry made only one mistake, but this resulted in Watanabe's goal.

George Keith initially had some difficulty holding the speedy and tricky Sugiyama, but eventually got on top.

Manfred Schaefer and Allan Marnoch played the double stopper role perfectly, and in midfield Warren and John Watkiss held a firm grip.

In attack, Ray Baartz showed his old dash and proved a handful for the Japanese defenders.

McColl started brilliantly, scored the all-important first goal, but towards the end faded a little, probably because he had been injured for most of the week prior to the game.

Abonyi had some good moves and his fantastic run laying on the third goal was memorable.

John Perin's debut was most satisfactory while Bill Vojtek, who played only 30 minutes instead of Perin, added speed and initiative to the forward-line.

The Japanese were a great disappointment. All their known weaknesses, none of their assets came to the fore.

There was no more doubt that without Kamamoto Japan is a very ordinary team.

The Japanese players showed little or no enterprise and meekly allowed themselves to be subdued and hustled off the ball by an Australian team whose confidence grew as the match progressed and steadily turned to their complete advantage.

Details:

Australia: Corry; Keith, Schaefer, Marnoch, Ackerley; Warren, Watkiss, McColl; Abonyi, Baartz, Perin (replaced by Vojtek 60 min).

Japan: Yokoyama; Yamaguchi, Katayama, Kamata, Onishi, Mori, Ogi (replaced by M. Miyamoto), T. Miyamoto, Watanabe (replaced by Kimura), Kuwahara, Sugiyama.

Scorers: McColl 5 min., Ogi (own goal) 61 min., Baartz 69 min. for Australia; Watanabe 11 min. for Japan.

Referee: P. Nice (Malaysia)

Crowd: 10,500.

World Cup Qualification, AFC/OFC Group, 1st Round													
Date & Time			Venue			Weather			Temperature		Attendance		
14th. October 1969, 19.30			Dongdaemun Stadium, Seoul, Korea Republic								25000		
Korea Republic (South Korea)..1 v. Australia..2													
half time, Korea Republic..1 v. Australia..1													
No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Retired Injured	Sent Off	Time of substitution	No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Retired Injured	Sent Off	Time of substitution
START LIST													
	GK	Son Cho-Myung						GK	Ron Corry				
	RB	Kim Jung-Suk						RB	George Keith				
	LB	Kim Ho						LB	Manfred Schaefer				
	RH	Kim Jung-Nam						RH	Alan Marnoch				X
	CH	Cho Chung-Soo						CH	Stanley "Stan" Ackerley				
	LH	Seo Yoon-Chan						LH	John Warren (c)				
	OR	Park Lee-Chun						OR	John Watkiss	39			
	IR	Lee Lee-Woo	45					IR	Thomas "Tommy" McColl	82			
	CF	Park Soo-I l						CF	Attila Abonyi				
	IL	Kim Ki-Bok		X				IL	Ray Baartz				
	OL	Lee Hoe-Taik						OL	Bill Vojtek				
SUBSTITUTES													
		Hoo I n-Woong				X			Gary Manuel				X
Team Coach						Team Coach		Joseph "Uncle Joe" Vlasits					
						Team Trainer							
Team Manager						Team Manager							
Referee													
Linesman													
Linesman													

Kim Jung-Nam is also shown as Kim Chung Nam. Lee Hoe-Taik is also shown as Lee Hae Taik. Lee Lee-Woo is also shown as Lee Yi-Woo

match report from The Canberra Times, 15/10/1969, page 36 by AAP-Reuter <https://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/article/107897854/11673411>

Angry South Korean fans pelted Australian players with seat cushions after Australia had beaten South Korea 2-1 in a world Cup soccer qualifying series tonight. There was no applause as the two teams left the pitch after a bruising match in which the referee twice had to break up fist fights.

The Korean crowd of more than 20,000 apparently was angered by the tough tackling of the Australians.

The Australians now lead the group 15-A qualifying series with two wins, followed by South Korea and Japan with one defeat and one draw each.

In a tough, bruising encounter two hard-running sides, only strong refereeing from Mr.G.Subbiah, of Singaore, kept the match under control.

Both sides impressed in previous matches of the qualifying series as stronger in attack than defence, and for tonight's key encounter they both placed the emphasis on power play, hard tackling and blocking the goalmouth whenever danger threatened.

At first the Australians dominated, forcing the Koreans off the ball in nearly every encounter.

But as the match progressed the Koreans began to hit back, and play was punctuated with monotonous regularity by stops for free kicks or injuries.

The star Australian player was inside right Attila Abonyi, whose solo efforts, especially in the opening minutes, had the Korean defence running in circles.

After five minutes he seemed certain to score when a shot was half parried by goalkeeper Son Cho Myung.

The ball came back to Abonyi only yards from the goal. His second shot was cleared off the line by a Korean defender and a third attempt smothered by the goalkeeper.

After 18 minutes, inside left Ray Baartz had the ball in the net with a back-header but the goal was disallowed.

Korea also had a goal disallowed near half-time when a Korean player handled.

Australia went ahead in the 37th minute with a solo effort by halfback John Watkiss.

Moving up at left wing he tried from outside the area and found the net with a hard, high shot.

The Koreans stormed back and three minutes later a brilliant move by outside left Park Soo Il, who made life miserable for fullback George Keith every time the Korean had the ball, centred for outside right Kim Ki Bok to fire a penalty area shot that hit the post with goalkeeper Ron Corry beaten.

From a free kick Korea bounced back into the match with only 20 seconds of the first half remaining. The kick from the lefthand side of the Australian goal area found inside left Lee Lee Woo in position to head home.

The 20,000-odd crowd went berserk. Bands played, people sang patriotic songs and fireworks exploded in the air as the two teams left the field.

Soon after half time Korea lost one of its key players when Kim Ki Bok was carried off the field with head injuries after a collision with Australian half Manfred Schaefer. He was replaced by Hong In Woong.

Korea almost took a shock lead in the 71st minute when Australian goalkeeper Ron Corry mishandled a 40-yard free kick, but the ball trickled around the post for a corner.

But despite more aggressive football in the second half, the Koreans conceded a goal from a defensive mix-up in the 78th minute.

From a corner Tom McColl headed against the underside of the bar, the ball bouncing on the goal line before going into the net.

In the later stages of the match tempers became frayed and the referee broke up two fights.

Australia could make certain of the qualifying series when it meets Japan on Thursday night.

The winner in Seoul will have to play Rhodesia, which was refused a visa by the South Korean Government.

match report from Soccer World, Volume 12, Number 40, 17/10/1969, page 1

3,000 cheers for Australia and as many blobs - they won a colossal battle here tonight against a determined, rugged and very talented South Korea. This was the match we had to win, and it was duly won, but not before a nerve-shattering pitched battle.

Luckily, even in this Australia proved the better team, but really what won the match was their ability to take half-chances when these were offered.

In the first half Australia was easily the better team and three times came close to scoring.

And yet our first goal came unexpectedly.

Ray Baartz slipped a back-pass to John Watkiss, who while slipping rocketed the ball into the far upper corner from 25 yards in the 39th minute.

In the 47th minute - two minutes into the first half injury time - disaster struck for Australia.

A floating corner from the Koreans left wing fell over the heads of Ron Corry and Allan Murdoch and Lee Lee Woo headed home from four yards.

The match, already unbearably tense in the first half, developed into a desperate battle after the interval.

South Korea, showing much greater fight than against Japan, refused to give an inch to the Aussies.

Many fouls were committed by both teams, yet the only players cautioned were John Warren and Stan Ackerley.

The 82nd minute brought victory to Australia - and what a goal it was!

Stan Ackerley's outswinger corner went to George Keith, the APIA star headed the ball into the Korean goalmouth where Tom McColl further forwarded into the net from two yards.

Skipper John Warren, in dazzling form, was the perfect leader of the Australian team which just doesn't know how to give up trying.

There is an almost mystical drive and will-to-win in this Australian team which can literally lift mountains.

And to win in Seoul almost amounts to that!

The Korean spectators did everything in their power to unsettle the Australians.

They drove their team on relentlessly. At halftime, just after Korea's equaliser, the crowd were berserk.

Dozens of bands on the terraces played as spectators sang fiercely songs and fireworks exploded all over the arena.

The Australians were pelted with cushions, bottles and rubbish after the game and had to be escorted to their dressing-room by riot police.

The Korean public was understandably disappointed as their team is now virtually eliminated, but the Australians have nothing to reproach themselves.

They took as much as they dished out in this "Battle of Seoul" which will live long in the memory of the handful of Australians at the Municipal Stadium.

That the Australians did not wilt under such trying conditions, speaks volumes for the confidence which has been instilled in them.

No praise is high enough for the Australian team which stepped into soccer history tonight.

It was a stirring team-effort which carried us to victory in what must undoubtedly rate as our greatest international triumph.

All our defenders were excellent and in attack Baartz and McColl, who has now scored two goals - and what vital ones! - were outstanding.

Australia: Corry, Keith, Schaefer, Marnoch, Ackerley, Warren, Watkiss, McColl, Abonyi, Baartz, Vojtek.

South Korea: Son Cho Myung, Kim Jung Suk, Kim Ho, Kim Jung Wan, Cho Chung Soo, Seo Yoon Chan, Park Lee Chun, Lee Lee Woo, Park Soo Il, Kim Ki Bok, Lee Hae Taik.

Replacements: Gary Manuel for Marnoch, Hoo In Woong for Kim Ki Bok.

Scorers: Watkiss 39 min., McColl 82 min for Australia; Lee Lee Woo 45min, for Korea.

Referee: G.Suppiah (Singapore).

Crowd: 20,000.

World Cup Qualification, AFC/OFC Group, 1st Round													
Date & Time			Venue			Weather			Temperature		Attendance		
16th. October 1969, 19.30			Dongdaemun Stadium, Seoul, Korea Republic								6000		
Japan..1 v. Australia..1													
half time, Japan..1 v. Australia..1													
No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Retired Injured	Sent Off	Time of substitution	No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Retired Injured	Sent Off	Time of substitution
START LIST													
1	GK	Kenzo Yokoyama					1	GK	Ron Corry				
2	RB	Hiroshi Katayama					3	RB	George Keith				
6	LB	Mitsuo Kamata					2	LB	Manfred Schaefer				
12	RH	Tsuyoshi Kunieda					5	RH	Alan Marnoch				
3	CH	Yoshidata Yamaguchi					4	CH	Stanley "Stan" Ackerley				
11	LH	Aritatsu Ogi					7	LH	John Warren (c)				
20	OR	Ikuo Matsumoto				78	8	OR	John Watkiss				
9	IR	Takaji Mori				78*	12	IR	Thomas "Tommy" McColl	39			
15	CF	Teruki Miyamoto	4				15	CF	Attila Abonyi				
18	IL	Yasuyuki Kuwahara					16	IL	Ray Baartz				
19	OL	Ryuichi Sugiyama					18	OL	Bill Vojtek				
SUBSTITUTES													
16		Masashi Watanabe				78							
		Junji Kawano				78*							
Team Coach		Ken Naganuma					Team Coach		Joseph "Uncle Joe" Vlasits				
							Team Trainer						
Team Manager		Naganuma Takeshi					Team Manager						
Referee		Wanchai Suvaree (Thailand)											
Linesman		Cheung (Formosa)											
Linesman		Patrick Nice (Malaysia)											

match report from The Canberra Times, 17/10/1969, page 20 by AAP-Reuter <https://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/article/107898377/11673497>

Australia's march to the group 15-A World Soccer Cup qualifying series championship was temporarily halted tonight when it was held to a 1-1 draw by Japan.

Both goals came in the first half.

The Australians, unbeaten so far in the six-match series, were on top for most of the match but luck deserted them in front of the Japanese goal.

Tonight's draw left the group 15-A winner in doubt with only two matches to play

If the host nation, South Korea, wins its remaining two matches against Japan and Australia, a playoff will be necessary.

Determined to wipe out the memory of the 3-1 defeat by Australia, Japan opened the game with fast-moving probes that produced a deserved but shock goal in the fourth minute.

The Japanese kept up the pressure for a short while but, as the half progressed, were pushed back into their own half for long periods by the hard-tackling Australians.

Blanketing their goal area with every available man, the Japanese kept Australia at bay until five minutes before half-time when a relatively harmless long-range shot caught the entire defence off guard for an equaliser.

For minutes on end the taller, stronger Australians pounded away at the Japanese defence only to see shots either crash against the post and bar, or be finger-tipped away by the agile goalkeeper, Kenzo Yokoyama, or booted and headed off.

The Australians, looking more ragged and less confident than in their previous two victorious matches, took a long while to settle down.

But when they did the forward line began to link up well in a continuous move against the retreating Japanese side.

A point-blank shot from outside right Tom McColl skimmed round the post and soon afterwards Yokoyama stopped a shot from defender Stan Ackerley.

The ball continued to bounce dangerously in the Japanese penalty area but none of the Australians seemed able to add the finishing touch.

After 26 minutes Bill Vojtek had the ball in the net but the linesman's flag was raised for a pushing offence by an Australian player.

Then McColl, instead of bringing the ball into the crowded penalty area, tried a shot from far out on the right wing.

Nobody moved as the ball soared unimpeded into the net.

The pattern of play continued in the second half.

The Australians' luck continued to run against them. A hard shot from inside left Ray Baartz hit the post.

Inside right Attila Abonyi kicked the ball into the goalkeeper's arms.

Halfback John Watkiss dived but failed to connect with a centre in front of an open goal, and Abonyi missed again with a shot.

At the other end, inside left Ikuo Matsumoto twice was given the ball with a wide open goal in front of him but he shot wide.

In the closing minutes both sides missed easy chances to score.

South Korea and Japan will meet in the next match tomorrow.

match report from Soccer World, Volume 12, Number 41, 24/10/1969, page 3

The mounting pressure proved too much for the Australians in the return match against Japan last Thursday and we had to be content with a 1-1 draw when a win would have clinched the series.

Never at any stage did the nervous Aussies play their usual game, and as happens even their luck ran out.

Referee Wanchai Sukarec of Thailand and the two linesmen Cheung of Formosa and Nice of Malaysia, were ill-disposed towards the Australians.

Besides denying Ray Baartz a perfectly valid goal on a trifling technicality, the Asian trio upset the Aussies by niggling them throughout the match.

FIFA chief, Sir Stanley Rous, sitting next to assistant-manager Les Bordacs, remarked: "Yes, refereeing is one of soccer's problems the world over".

This in itself is a fair indictment of the Thai Police captain referee.

However, in all fairness I must point out that we ruined our own chances of winning the tournament outright on Thursday night, not the referee for all his incompetence.

Our boys were sluggish and for the first time in the series started off badly.

Later they recovered after conceding the first goal in the fourth minute when Teruki Miyamoto scored with a first time shot and pressed for long periods, but without conviction nor any luck.

Six or seven times Australia could have scored but poor finishing or bad luck saved Japan.

Defending desperately, Japan staved off every Australian attack until 39th minute when Tommy McColl relieved some of the tension by notching the equaliser - his third goal of the series.

Ironically the goal that gave Australia its fifth point of the series was an innocuous one - a relatively harmless shot from some 25 yards which caught the Japanese defence flat-footed.

Some Australians performed below their best.

George Keith was strangely hesitant and often outwitted by Japan's best forward, left-winger Sugiyama.

Goalie Ron Corry can't be blamed for the goal, but he made a huge blunder, which luckily didn't result in a goal this time. The Croatia 'keeper, however, made a great save when he smothered a powerhouse drive by Miyamoto in the seventh minute.

John Watkiss was slow and immobile, McColl only showed up in flashes, Attila Abonyi and Billy Vojtek were rather ineffective and unenterprising.

Best player throughout was the rock-like Manfred Schaefer who held his defence together and was brimming with confidence.

John Warren was excellent after the interval as he desperately tried to rally his sagging troops.

Ray Baartz was the only truly dangerous forward.

Some of his spectacular piledrivers deserved goals, but the Hakoah star has been dreadfully unlucky in Seoul, the ball not rolling kindly for him at all.

Japan were very lucky indeed to escape a beating.

Their defence was almost continually under pressure and had to rely on desperate clearances and their attack had very few scoring chances.

In midfield, however, they were strong through Ogi and T.Miyamoto, possibly the best afield with Sugiyama and Australia's Schaefer, Warren and Baartz.

Our display can only be described as ragged.

Every Australian had his mind one step from paradise and this cramped their legs and probably caused a mental block.

We might possibly have played much better if victory in the series hadn't been at the end of the rainbow in this match.

The small crowd was strongly pro-Japanese, but still very quiet.

The atmosphere in the almost deserted stadium was quite eerie and one could hear all that was said from the benches and on the field.

After the match all the Australian players and coach Joe Vlasits blamed the referee for the anticlimatic draw.

He was certainly partly guilty, but Australia still should have won by four goals had they taken their chances.

Japan's coach, Okano, agreed the refereeing was lousy, but he also agreed with me that Australia was the better team throughout - though not so convincing as in the first round - and that we should have won regardless of the refereeing.

Australia: Corry, Keith, Schaefer, Marnoch, Ackerley, Warren, Watkiss, McColl, Abonyi, Baartz, Vojtek.

Japan: Yokoyama, Katayama, Yamaguchi, Kamata, Mori, T.Miyamoto, Ogi, Kunieda, Matsumoto (Watanabe), Kuwahara (Kaweno), Sugiyama.

Scorers: Miyamoto 4 min. for Japan; McColl 39 min. for Australia.

Referee: W.Sukarec (Thailand).

Crowd: 6,000.

World Cup Qualification, AFC/OFC Group, 1st Round													
Date & Time			Venue				Weather			Temperature		Attendance	
20th. October 1969, 19.30			Dongdaemun Stadium, Seoul, Korea Republic									25000	
Korea Republic (South Korea)..1 v. Australia..1													
half time, Korea Republic..1 v. Australia..0													
No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Retired Injured	Sent Off	Time of substitution	No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Retired Injured	Sent Off	Time of substitution
START LIST													
	GK	Son Cho-Myung						GK	Ron Corry				
	RB	Kim Jung-Suk						RB	George Keith				
	LB	Kim Ho						LB	Manfred Schaefer				
	RH	Kim Jung-Nam						RH	Alan Marnoch				X
	CH	Cho Chung-Soo						CH	Stanley "Stan" Ackerley				
	LH	Kim Ki-Bok						LH	John Warren (c)				
	OR	Seo Yoon-Chan						OR	John Perin				
	IR	Park Lee-Chun						IR	Thomas "Tommy" McColl				
	CF	Lee Lee-Woo						CF	Attila Abonyi				X*
	IL	Lee Hoe-Taik						IL	Ray Baartz	58			
	OL	Park Soo-I I	35					OL	Bill Vojtek				
SUBSTITUTES													
									David Zeman				X
									Willie Rutherford				X*
Team Coach								Team Coach		Joseph "Uncle Joe" Vlasits			
Team Manager		Kim Yong Sik						Team Trainer					
Referee		Peter Nice (Malaysia)						Team Manager		John Barclay			
Linesman													
Linesman													

Lee Hoe-Taik is also shown as Lee Hae-Taik and Lee Haei-Taik.

Chung Kang-Chi and Lim Chook-Chan, are also shown as playing.

match report from The Canberra Times, 21/10/1969, page 22 by AAP-Reuter

<https://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/article/107899012/11673575>

Australia was held to a 1-1 draw to night by host South Korea, but the draw was enough for Australia to win the three-nation World Cup soccer elimination round.

Australia is now supposed to meet Rhodesia in a two-game playoff, but the games are unlikely to be held as no country has offered a site for the games.

If the Australia - Rhodesia games are not played, Australia will meet Israel for the right to compete in the 1970 World Cup championship in Mexico City.

Rhodesia originally was to participate in the Seoul tournament but the South Korean Government refused to issue visas to the Rhodesians because of their racial policy.

Australia finished the series with two wins and two draws, South Korea with one win, two draws and a loss, and Japan with two draws and two losses.

The match was punishing with so much at stake for both teams; every tackle and challenge had an extra edge and feelings often ran high, but the referee, Mr P. Nice, of Singapore, kept it well in control.

In the first five minutes he gave Korea four free kicks for Australian fouls.

He went on to give a strong warning to Australian defender Stan Ackerley and before halftime had taken the names of three Korean players.

Korean forwards Lee Haei Taik and Chung Kang Chi put everything into their game, but often spoilt good moves with over-eagerness or nervousness. Lee Haei Taik, the centre forward playing a roving game along the wings, had the Australian defence at full stretch every time he gained possession, but the hesitancy of the remaining forwards in front of goal cost them at least two chances to go further ahead.

The Australian forwards were extremely fast, but the Koreans managed to absorb the rushes and scoring chances were few.

South Korea's first half goal typified its play - a good forward move involving all the frontline.

Early in the match fullback Allan Marnoch injured his leg in stopping a Korean breakaway move. He returned to the field after 10 minutes first aid on the sideline, but was replaced near the interval by David Zeman.

Korea fielded its star wing, Kim Ki Bok, with a bandaged head after he was carried off in the previous game against Australia with concussion.

He played an outstanding game but was a handicap to the Koreans in that he was unable to head the ball.

Australia started strongly in the second half and was unlucky when a pointblank shot from Attila Abonyi hit the prostrate Korean goalkeeper and bounded for a corner in the 57th minute. From the corner the ball was lobbed into the middle where it was headed home by inside left Ray Baartz despite a Korean protest, referee Nice allowed the goal, setting off angry scenes from the crowd.

The Koreans attacked but failed to get in any clear cut shot.

In the 63rd minute centre forward Lee Haei Taik was brought down close to goal and Korea was given a penalty kick in spite of an Australian protest.

But halfback Lim Kook Chan shot too close to goalkeeper Ron Corry and the Australian saved.

match report from Soccer World, Volume 12, Number 41, 24/10/1969, page 1 by Paul Dean.

Australia tonight survived pure hell to force a 1-1 draw in Group 15/2 of the World Cup.

I doubt whether any Australian sporting team has ever had to face such a savagely hostile crowd.

The 25,000 spectators went berserk when Ray Baartz equalised in the 58th minute.

Baartz's crime? To have "dared" put an end to Korea's chances of forcing a play-off!

Already vicious for the entire period leading up to our equaliser, large sections of the fanatic, crazed crowd ran amok, tossing beer bottles and cans on the Australian bench.

As though the crowd's animal-like outburst wasn't enough, the Australians were further unsettled when referee Peter Nice awarded Korea a penalty, which can only be described as the harshest of the year, in the 66th minute, Lee Hae Taik having been allegedly shoved.

Ron Corry became Australia's soccer hero in the space of three spine-tingling seconds when he stretched full length along the ground to smother Lim Chook Chan's spotkick.

The Croatia 'keeper has never made a more vital save in his checkered career. It will rank among the greatest moments of Australian soccer.

There can be little doubt this proved the turning point of the match - and perhaps of the series.

Though the Koreans still attacked, and Corry was again called on to make another two superb saves, the tide had turned for the Koreans in the final 20 minutes.

Australia, sluggish, nervous and visibly shaken by the perverse hatred of the crowd in the first half, came to life and gained confidence as the minutes ticked away.

The referee and his linesman, however, again conspired to deprive us of yet another perfectly valid goal - the third in the series - two minutes from the end when Warren evaded five tackles to slide the ball into the net.

It was a typical, forceful Warren goal.

To all intents and purposes Australia won 2-1 just as we would have beaten Japan 2-1 last Thursday had Baartz's magnificent goal been allowed.

The Koreans played like men demented; the vociferous backing of the home crowd literally gave them wings.

They crowded our goal like buzzards in the opening stanza and worried the hell out of defenders, all of whom however, held their ground well even if we couldn't prevent Park Soo Il from opening the score in the 29th minute.

The Koreans, undeniably, had more scoring chances than us, but let's never, never forget the tremendous odds stacked against the Aussies.

To have survived, kept their cool and actually gained the upper hand and reduced 25,000 Koreans to silent frustration is a sure sign that Australian soccer has arrived.

We took a huge gamble when we accepted to play the round-robin in Korea.

That it has paid off so handsomely is a tribute to coach Joe Vlasits and his magnificent band of trail-blazing soccer pioneers.

Australia: Corry, Keith, Schaefer, Marnoch (Zeman), Ackerley, Warren, Perin, McColl, Abonyi (Rutherford), Baartz, Vojtek.

South Korea: Son Cho Myung, Kim Jung Suk, Kim Ho, Kim Jung Wan, Cho Chung Soo, Seo Yoon Chan, Park Lee Chun, Lee Lee Woo, Park Soo Il, Kim Ki Bok, Lee Hae Taik.

Scorers: Park Soo Il 29 min. for Korea; Baartz 58 min. for Australia.

Referee: P.Nice (Malaysia).

Crowd: 25,000.

World Cup Qualification, AFC/OFC Group, 2nd. Round, Group 1													
Date & Time			Venue			Weather			Temperature		Attendance		
23rd. November 1969,			Salazar Stadium, Lourenço Marques, Mozambique			Heavy rain					6500		
Rhodesia..1 v. Australia..1													
half time, Rhodesia..0 v. Australia..0													
No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Retired Injured	Sent Off	Time of substitution	No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Retired Injured	Sent Off	Time of substitution
START LIST													
	GK	Robin Jordon						GK	Ron Corry				
	RB	Stuart Knowles						RB	George Keith				
	LB	Philemon Tigere						LB	Manfred Schaefer				
	RH	Peter Haddon						RH	Alan Marnoch				
	CH	James Chibaya		X				CH	Stanley "Stan" Ackerley (c)				
	LH	William Sibanda						LH	Danny Walsh				
	OR	Topsy Robertson						OR	Adrian Alston				X
	IR	James Nyumalo						IR	Willie Rutherford				X*
	CF	Bobby Chalmers (c)	63					CF	Attila Abonyi				
	IL	Hylton Grainger						IL	Ray Baartz				
	OL	George Shaya						OL	Thomas "Tommy" McColl	68			
SUBSTITUTES													
		Adolf Mutama				X			John Watkiss				X
									Billy Vojtek				X*
Team Coach		Danny McLennan						Team Coach		Joseph "Uncle Joe" Vlasits			
								Team Trainer					
Team Manager								Team Manager		John Barclay			
Referee		Saldanha Antonio Ribeiro (Portugal)											
Linesman													
Linesman													

match report from The Canberra Times, 25/11/1969, page 20 by AAP-Reuter

<https://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/article/107905211/11674434>

The Australian soccer team, shocked by its poor showing in a drawn match against Rhodesia last night, has vowed to hand Rhodesia a hiding in the return World Cup qualifying match on Thursday.

Australia must win this game for the right to meet Israel for a chance to play in the World Cup finals in Mexico City.

The Australians made no excuse about their poor showing in last night's game.

"This is the worst team we have played against in the World Cup, but we can still only draw 1-1. We played 300 per cent below our normal form, goalkeeper Ron Corry told reporters."

Team members vowed they would score at least six goals on Thursday.

Stan Ackerley, captain for last night's match, commented, "It's the worst team we've ever played against. If we had played like Rhodesia played tonight in South Korea we would have lost each match 10-0".

Coach Joe Vlasits, however, shrugged away the result and said, "Naturally I am disappointed but there is plenty of time. The boys kept the ball too much in the middle and fell over each other".

Manager John Barclay, confident despite the result, agreed that Rhodesia was the worst team he had seen in the World Cup tournament so far.

"I think the boys were expecting something special from Rhodesia," he said. "Now we know how bad they are they won't stand a chance".

The Rhodesians were not jubilant over their unexpected showing.

Rhodesian coach Danny McLennan said, "Although I expect the disbelievers will be on our side now, there will be no celebration. We will leave it until Thursday".

The Australians, who between them can boast more than 150 international outings, were deprived of victory by spirited tackling and magnificent goalkeeping of Rhodesia's Robin Jordon.

But neither side produced top soccer in the pouring rain which created slippery conditions. Faulty passing and blind kicking marred the match.

Only in the second half, when it became even more difficult to keep control of the ball on the wet turf, did the Australians put real fire into their game.

The Australian forwards rarely operated as a unit. Only opportunism by individual players posed a threat to the spirited but outclassed Rhodesians.

Rhodesia opened the scoring in the second half when inside right Bobby Chalmers cracked a goal after snapping up a loose ball.

Australia's winger, Tommy McColl, put his team back in the picture minutes later with a similar move from a cross by the other Australian winger Willie Rutherford.

Rhodesia's few other scoring opportunities were frittered away by the failure of the half-backs to support their forwards when they did manage to find a space in the solid Australian defence.

Although Australia held a territorial advantage for most of the match - it won 10 corners to three - Jordan took most of the credit.

Jordan anticipated brilliantly and time after time pushed almost point-blank shots away from the posts.

Australia surprisingly made two changes late in the game and deprived itself of its two most dangerous front-rank players.

Billy Vojtek replaced Rutherford, best in the team earlier, and John Watkiss came in for Adrian Alston at centre forward.

Australia dominated Rhodesia for most of the first half.

The Australian forwards went on the attack from the opening whistle and cut through the Rhodesians several times, only to be thwarted by the brilliant jumping of Rhodesian goalkeeper Robin Jordon.

Rhodesia's defence was content to scramble the ball away when danger threatened and its star forwards, Bobby Chalmers and Hylton Grainger, were kept pinned down by close marking.

Towards the end of the half the Australian passing degenerated, several long balls being sent to unmanned positions.

The lowly rated Rhodesians began to find their feet and slowly moved on to the offensive.

Soon after Australian left-winger Tommy McColl equalised from an almost identical position in the Rhodesian penalty area when he took a first-time kick during a melee.

The rain increased in the last part of the half and play swung up and down the field as both sides sought to get the uncontrollable ball. Australia's greater experience then began to tell on the Rhodesian defence. Inside right Attila Abonyi, and Rutherford had scoring chances diverted by Jordan's skilful anticipation. But the Rhodesian defence refused to break under the Australian pressure and the final score remained one goal each. Willie Rutherford, a last-minute replacement on the right wing, produced the most serious threat to the Rhodesian defence, often seizing on the stray ball in midfield and taking it up to the goal line before passing. In the 22nd minute he swerved past a defender into the Rhodesian goal mouth and forced Jordan to dive full length to push the cannoning ball past the post. Rutherford repeated the move minutes later and this time Jordan plucked the ball from just under the crossbar. Rhodesian centre half James Chibaya later left the field after a heavy tackle with Rutherford and was replaced by Adolph Mutuma, who immediately broke up a dangerous move on the left wing when Australian fullback Stan Ackerley took off on a solo run up the field. In the second half, rain came on hard and both teams had difficulty in making accurate passes on the slippery turf. Rutherford and Watkiss made determined individual attempts to outmanoeuvre Jordan but it was Rhodesia who opened the scoring after staging a comeback. Chalmers intercepted a bad pass in the 18th minute of the half just outside the Australian penalty area and sent it thundering into the left corner of the net. Towards the end, Billy Vojtek, who had been left out of the side for disciplinary reasons, was brought on in place of Rutherford.

World Cup Qualification, AFC/OFC Group, 2nd. Round, Group 1													
Date & Time			Venue				Weather			Temperature		Attendance	
27th. November 1969,			Salazar Stadium, Lourenço Marques, Mozambique									3500	
Rhodesia..0 v. Australia..0													
half time, Rhodesia..0 v. Australia..0													
No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Retired Injured	Sent Off	Time of substitution	No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Retired Injured	Sent Off	Time of substitution
START LIST													
	GK	Robin Jordon						GK	Ron Corry				
	RB	Stuart Knowles						RB	George Keith				
	LB	Philemon Tigere						LB	Manfred Schaefer				
	RH	Peter Haddon						RH	Alan Marnoch				
	CH	Adolf Mutama						CH	Stanley "Stan" Ackerley				
	LH	Isaac Chieza						LH	John Warren (c)				
	OR	William Sibanda						OR	Danny Walsh				
	IR	Topsy Robertson						IR	Attila Abonyi				
	CF	Bobby Chalmers (c)						CF	John Watkiss				X
	IL	Hylton Grainger				X		IL	Ray Baartz				
	OL	Nelson Mapara						OL	Billy Vojtek				
SUBSTITUTES													
		Gibson Homela				X			Willie Rutherford				X
Team Coach		Danny McLennan					Team Coach		Joseph "Uncle Joe" Vlasits				
Team Manager							Team Trainer						
Referee		Saldanha Antonio Ribeiro (Portugal)					Team Manager		John Barclay				
Linesman													
Linesman													

match report from The Canberra Times, 29/11/1969, page 34 by AAP-Reuter

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Three of Australia's most experienced players, including stalwart vice-captain Stan Ackerley, are in grave doubt for tomorrow night's all-important World Cup soccer clash with Rhodesia.

Australia's coach, Joe Vlasits, reported a crippling casualty toll from last night's goalless draw against the Rhodesians.

Vlasits named six Australians who are nursing injuries received when the underdog Rhodesians stacked a ferocious defence to frustrate Australia's repeated attacks.

The six casualties are Ackerley (injured back), his Apia club-mate George Keith (injured shin), John Watkiss (thigh injury), skipper Johnny Warren (injured right leg), Allan Marnoch (injured right leg), and the diminutive Danny Walsh (bruised hip).

Vlasits was gloomy about the recovery prospects of Ackerley, Keith and Watkiss, as the match was only 36 hours away.

"Our medical officer, Dr Brian Corrigan, is working desperately to patch them up but I fear that all three are in grave doubt and we may have to take the field without them". Vlasits lamented.

Vlasits will delay announcing the Australian line-up until about 12 hours before the scheduled kickoff.

"We want to leave the announcement as late as possible to give our casualties every precious second to recover and naturally the state of the injuries will influence my final selection, Vlasits said.

Without a decision after two matches here - the first clash resulted in a 1-1 draw - the Australians will have to do better to progress to the next elimination round against Israel.

Vlasits blamed poor finishing for a host of lost opportunities last night and is confident that even the terrier-like Rhodesian defence will not be able to hold the Australians tomorrow night.

We have our injury problems but at least I can say that all the boys have the right mental approach to this all-important match and I am sure we will win it", Vlasits said.

The manager of the Australian team, Mr John Barclay, said the touring party was bitterly disappointed with last night's attendance of about 3,500.

"What's more, we can't see the crowd increasing for tomorrow night, but at least we will be bound for Tel Aviv on Sunday if we win tomorrow night, he said.

World Cup Qualification, AFC/OFC Group, 2nd. Round, Group 1 - Play-off													
Date & Time			Venue			Weather			Temperature		Attendance		
29th. November 1969,			Salazar Stadium, Lourenço Marques, Mozambique								1500		
Rhodesia..1 v. Australia..3													
half time, Rhodesia..0 v. Australia..2													
No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Retired Injured	Sent Off	Time of substitution	No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Retired Injured	Sent Off	Time of substitution
START LIST													
	GK	Robin Jordon				35		GK	Ron Corry				
	RB	Stuart Knowles						RB	George Keith				
	LB	Philemon Tigere	22(og)					LB	Manfred Schaefer				
	RH	Peter Haddon						RH	Alan Marnoch				
	CH	Adolf Mutama						CH	John Perin				X
	LH	Isaac Chieza						LH	John Warren (c)	56			
	OR	William Sibanda						OR	Danny Walsh				
	IR	Topsy Robertson						IR	Attila Abonyi				
	CF	Bobby Chalmers (c)	49					CF	Willie Rutherford	12			
	IL	Hylton Grainger						IL	Ray Baartz				X*
	OL	Nelson Mapara						OL	Billy Vojtek				
SUBSTITUTES													
		Stewart Gilbert				35			David Zeman				X
									Adrian Alston				X*
Team Coach		Danny McLennan					Team Coach		Joseph "Uncle Joe" Vlasits				
							Team Trainer						
Team Manager							Team Manager		John Barclay				
Referee		Saldanha Antonio Ribeiro (Portugal)											
Linesman													
Linesman													

match report from The Canberra Times, 1/12/1969, page 12 by AAP-Reuter

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Australia's World Cup soccer team qualified to meet Israel after deciding its struggle against Rhodesia with a thrilling 3-1 victory at Salazar Stadium last night.

The Australians led 2-0 at half-time before a crowd of less than 3,000.

After two drawn games (1-1 and 0-0) Australia was determined to prevent a decision being reached by ballot.

The Australians sprayed pinpoint passes all over the field, making Rhodesia look flat-footed by comparison.

After their victory their manager, Mr John Barclay, breathed a sigh of relief and said, "It's taken a long time but we finally made it."

"I give Rhodesia full credit for being such unexpected fighters. Now we go to Israel and I hope we will reach Mexico next year".

The Australian squad will fly to Tel Aviv tomorrow for its first match against Israel on December 5.

The second leg will be played in Sydney on December 14.

In spite of missing key players in Tommy McColl, Stan Ackerley and John Watkiss - all out through injury - Australia rose to the occasion.

Gone was their bunching in midfield, gone was their wild shooting. Prompted by dark-haired ex-Scot Willie Rutherford, the gold and green of Australia bore down on Rhodesia's multi-racial team without mercy.

Unfortunately, Rhodesia lost its star goalkeeper, Robin Jordan, after 37 minutes. He collided with Ray Baartz and although he continued for a while he was forced to leave the field with blood streaming from a cut on his head.

He was taken to hospital where stitches were put in the wound and his skull was X-rayed for a possible fracture.

Australia's goals were a mixture of good football and luck.

There was nothing wrong with Rutherford timing to perfection his shot from an Abonyi pass after 12 minutes, but the second Australian goal was a tragedy for Rhodesia.

Rutherford floated over a free kick in the 22nd minute, which Philemon Tigere headed past his own goalkeeper just when the Rhodesians looked like getting into the game.

The Australians maintained their pressure.

After half-time the Rhodesians found their wind and when an Australian defender made a rare bad pass, Mapara set up captain Bobby Chalmers who reduced the deficit.

But the Australians struck back when their opponents least expected it.

Haddon was slow in getting to Australian captain Johnny Warren and his hard shot from about 25yd was deflected past an unsighted Gilbert by Rutherford in the 57th minute.

The Rhodesian coach, Danny McLennan, said afterwards, "The Australians did not win that easily. Unfortunately the loss of Jordan upset the team and despite good work in defence we didn't really get going up front".

He wished Australia luck in its next round against Israel in Tel Aviv, but gave little hope for their chances.

World Cup Qualification, AFC/OFC Group, Final Round, 1st leg													
Date & Time			Venue				Weather			Temperature		Attendance	
4th. December 1969,			National Stadium, Ramat-Gan, Tel Aviv, Israel									41899	
Israel..1 v. Australia..0													
half time, Israel..1 v. Australia..0													
No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Retired Injured	Sent Off	Time of substitution	No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Retired Injured	Sent Off	Time of substitution
START LIST													
	GK	Itzhak Vissoker						GK	Ron Corry				
		Shraga Bar				76			George Keith				
		Menachem "Miko" Bello							Stanley "Stan" Ackerley				
		Zvi Rosen							Manfred Schaefer				
		Shmuel "Sam" Rosenthal							David Zeman				
		Giora Spiegel							John Perin				
		Mordechai "Motaleh" Spiegler (c)	18						Attila Abonyi				
		Aharon "Ronnie" Shuruk							John Watkiss				
		Itzhak Shum							John Warren (c)				
		Yehoshua "Shiye" Feigenbaum							Willie Rutherford				
		Rachamim Talbi							Thomas "Tommy" McColl				72
SUBSTITUTES													
		Moti Lubetski				76			Billy Vojtek				72
Team Coach		Emmanuel Scheffer					Team Coach		Joseph "Uncle Joe" Vlasits				
							Team Trainer						
Team Manager							Team Manager		John Barclay				
Referee		Ferdinand Marschall (Austria)											
Linesman													
Linesman													

Itzhak Visoker is also shown as Itzik Vissoker and Yitzhak Visoker. Menachem Bello is also shown as Menahem Belo. Zvi Rosen is also shown Tzvi Rozen. Shmuel Rosenthal is also shown as Shmuel Rozental. Rachamim Talbi is also shown as Rahamim Talbiev and Rahamim Talbi. Yehoshua Feigenbaum is also shown as Yehushua Feigenboim and Jehoshua Faygenbaum. Mordechai Spiegler is also shown as Mordechay Spiegler and Mordechai Shpigler.

Some sources have David Zeman scoring an "own goal".

match report from The Sydney Morning Herald, 5/12/1969, page 15

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Israel today defeated Australia 1-0 in the first leg of their World Cup Soccer qualifying matches at the Ramat-gan Stadium.

Before a near-capacity crowd of 45,000, Israel took a first step to making the Cup Finals in Mexico City next year.

Australia and Israel will clash in the second match of their series at the Sydney Sports Ground on Sunday week.

A well-taken free-kick by star forward Giora Spiegel 18 minutes after the start gave Israel the lead and as it turned out, the game.

Spiegel's powerful drive caught goalkeeper Ron Corry completely by surprise.

Israel narrowly missed a second goal in the 30th minute.

Zvi Rozen kicked another free shot from the middle of the field, straight into the mouth of the goal.

Corry was outside the goal, but David Zeman headed the ball to safety.

Hard tackling by the Australians resulted in several of their players being cautioned by Austrian referee Ferdinand Marschall, in the first half.

Half-back Allan Murnoch was a tower of strength in the Australian defence. He saved an almost certain goal when Israeli captain Mordechai Spiegler lobbed the ball over Corry and Marnoch raced back to head over.

Tommy McColl and Willie Rutherford were prominent in Australian attacks, but generally the defences of both sides were in command.

The Israelis attacked strongly when play resumed in the second half.

Spiegel deceived the Australian defence when he whipped the ball across the goalmouth from a free-kick - but his forward colleagues did not capitalise on the chance.

Zeman, under heavy pressure, headed the ball away with Corry beaten.

A minute later Corry plucked Spiegel's header from the air when a goal seemed certain.

The Australians were not helping themselves by poor passing out of defence and in midfield and the ball swept continually back into their goalmouth.

The Israeli forwards, too, were guilty of poor finishing after some splendid work in centre-field.

The gamble in playing McColl - who was obviously not fully fit - was not paying off.

He was only a shadow of his usual incisive self and was replaced by Vojtek in the 72nd minute.

Midway through the half, Watkiss was injured in a clash with Shourouk and it was obvious there was no love lost between the players.

In the 70th minute, Corry again showed his tremendous big match temperament by saving a penalty kick.

Manfred Schaefer was judged to have handled in his penalty area and the referee, though unsighted, awarded the spot kick after consulting with a linesman.

The atmosphere was electric as Spiegel took the kick but Corry leapt to grasp the ball at the second attempt.

Australia's defenders had hardly a moment's peace but the poor finishing of the Israeli forwards let them off the hook.

Zeman almost let Spiegel in for his second goal when he mis-kicked close to goal, leaving the Israeli with a simple job to score.

But Spiegel inexplicably rolled the ball tamely wide of the gaping net.

Encouraged by their narrow escape, Australia's players fought back and had the crowd whistling for full-time in the final 10 minutes.

Watkiss almost had the ball in the net with a powerful, soaring header and from the rebound Keith almost forced it home.

The Vissocker had to move smartly to hold a dangerous Rutherford centre.

AUSTRALIA: Ron Corry, George Keith, Stan Ackerley, Manfred Schaefer, David Zeman, Johnny Perin, Otti Abonyi, Johnny Watkiss, John Warren (capt), Willie Rutherford, Tommy McColl.

ISRAEL: Itzhak Vissocker, Shraga Bar, Menachem Bello, Svi Rosen, Shmuel Rosenthal, Giora Spiegel, Mordechai Spiegler (capt), Ronnie Shourouk, Itzhak Shum, Yehoshua Feigenbaum, Rahamin Taibi.

World Cup Qualification, AFC/OFC Group, Final Round, 2nd leg													
Date & Time			Venue				Weather			Temperature		Attendance	
14th. December 1969, 16.00			Sydney Sports Ground, Moore Park, Sydney, New South Wales									29737	
Australia..1 v. Israel..1													
half time, Australia..0 v. Israel..0													
No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Retired Injured	Sent Off	Time of substitutio n	No.	Position	Name	Goal (minute)	Retired Injured	Sent Off	Time of substitution
START LIST													
	GK	Ron Corry						GK	Itzhak Visoker				
		George Keith							Shraga Bar				
		Stanley "Stan" Ackerley							Menachem "Miko" Bello				
		Manfred Schaefer							David Primo				
		Alan Marnoch							Zvi Rosen				
		Danny Walsh							Shmuel "Sam" Rosenthal				
		Attila Abonyi							Meir Barad				60
		John Watkiss	88						Giora Spiegel				
		John Warren (c)							Yehoshua "Shiye" Feigenbaum				
		Ray Baartz							Mordechai "Motaleh" Spiegler (c)	78			
		Billy Vojtek				60			Itzhak Shum				88
SUBSTITUTES													
		Willie Rutherford				60			David Karako				88
									Rachamim Talbi				60
Team Coach		Joseph "Uncle Joe" Vlasits					Team Coach		Emmanuel Scheffer				
							Assist.Team Manager		Zeev Schachar				
Team Manager		John Barclay					Team Manager						
Referee		Ferdinand Marschall (Austria)											
Linesman													
Linesman													

Meir Barad is also shown as Meir Bred.

match report from The Sydney Morning Herald, 15/12/1969, page 13

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One fateful moment - that's all it took to smash Australia's World Cup Soccer dreams yesterday.

Reality came flooding back at 5.39, 11 minutes from the end of Australia's clash with Israel at the Sports Ground, which finished 1-1.

George Keith, Australia's balding right-back, alone 20 yards from goal, shaped to cut out a harmless chip from Israel's Giora Spiegel.

It was the sort of thing Keith has done a hundred times. And he'll do it another hundred times.

But somehow, while 32,500 fans watched, the ball eluded his outstretched foot and ran to Mordechi Spiegler, the elegant Israeli skipper.

Spiegler took the ball on a few paces and crashed the ball high into the Australian net past a despairing Ron Corry.

That was the end!

Not even an equalising goal, two minutes from time, could alter the fact that Israel, not Australia, would be in next year's Cup finals in Mexico.

Later, a crestfallen Keith, alone with his thoughts, said: "How did I miss it? What can I say? It was just one of those things."

Fortunate Israel's goal might have been, but don't believe they were lucky to snatch a draw.

Contrary to the belief they might be content with holding Australia at bay, the Israelis played some delightful football at times.

How Australia could have done with those forwards, Spiegler, Spiegel and Yehoshua Feigenbaum - or just one of the three.

This trio have an understanding, and whenever Spiegel bobbed up, you could be sure Spiegler and Feigenbaum were not far away.

In the first 10 minutes, when Australia's defenders were showing signs of nerves, they consistently cleaved a path to the Australian goal.

Feigenbaum had a great chance after the other pair had combined sweetly, but his shot struck Corry's boot and bounced into his hands.

Then Allan Murnoch arrived only just in time to clear after Corry had half-saved another Feigenbaum effort.

It was not all one-way traffic. Ray Baartz, the spearhead of Australia's attack at inside-left, had goalkeeper Itzhak Vissoker groping with one shot through a ruck of players.

But Spiegler's subtle promptings, and the ever-present danger of Spiegel and Feigenbaum, gave the Israelis an edge over Australia's forwards in the first 45 minutes.

Coach Joe Vlasit's gamble in using John Watkiss as a striker failed lamentably, though Watkiss scored the equaliser.

Baartz found Svi Rosen, the Israeli centre-half, a formidable proposition, and Attila Abonyi and Billy Vojtek, the other Australian forwards, rarely came to grips with the situation.

Things were different in the second half.

Slowly, the determination and grit of the Australians began to make inroads into their rivals technical superiority.

Manfred Schaefer, probably the best player afield, found space behind the Israeli defence and his pace found Abonyi charging in from the right.

Vissoker only just managed to smother Abonyi's shot.

Later, the ball ran through a sea of legs on the Israeli goal-line and there was a concerted groan when Watkiss was a fraction slow as he stabbed at the ball.

That proved to be the last chance for Australia.

Keith's blunder let Spiegler in and Mexico was a million light miles away.

The crowd was starting its drift towards the exits when Watkiss gained some solace for an unhappy day, scoring from Baartz's pass.

Yesterday's result completed the 16 teams for next year's finals.

The finalists are: England (holders), Mexico, Brazil, Peru, Uruguay, El Salvador, Morocco, Israel, West Germany, Belgium, Sweden, Italy, Bulgaria, Rumania, Czechoslovakia and Soviet Union.

The draw for the four final groups, a round robin with the winners going into the semi-finals, will be made in Mexico City on January 10.

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